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Dedication

To the active members whose present visions will make possible greater accomplishments in the future, we most sincerely dedicate this issue of Crossed Swords.

Foreword

If this book preserves for you the fragrant memories of bygone days—keeps alive for you the old ideals of P. D. Q.—urges you on to better things for the future—it will have fulfilled the purpose for which it was designed.

Grand President

GLENN W. CEASE

Oklahoma City, Okla.

This is Glenn's second grand office, his first being Grand Secretary during the 1925-26 term. It has been his good fortune to have visited more chapters than any other member of this fraternity, which helps to make him one of the best presidents Pi Delta Koppa has ever had. Under his leadership two new chapters have been added so far this year and the prospects of several more before his term of office expires.

President's Letter

As the fore-fathers of Pi Delta Koppa visualized so has the fraternity progressed and prospered.

We strive each year to bring about success that we may sing our laurels and acclaim our proud distinction to the outside world. The resounding note of courage prompting us to greater aims not only in fraternity life but in the common walk of life comes through our National Creed—To Dream Greatly—To Give Generously—To Bear Myself Gallantly Whatever the Circumstance. So great a tribute can only be repaid by the reflection of the inspiration wrought through our endeavor to mould our lives in conformity with these three great phrases. It has been my inspiration and should my term of office expire with naught but an inspiration for greater aims and higher attainments I will rejoice knowing that my efforts have many times been repaid.

Upon taking an oath an obligation is assumed. No longer are the obligations of a Grand Officer just an honor confronted with unlimited tasks. During my term as Grand Secretary a realization of what the future held in store for Pi Delta Koppa repeatedly presented itself and always through the admirable type of manhood comprising the fraternity. Impossibilities are unknown to the fraternity and those who adhere to the principles and ideals of Pi Delta Koppa.

To be above reproach and criticism is to characterize ourselves to the higher standards of life and relate ourselves to the spirit of the vow we take upon entering the fraternity.

We find the good name of our fraternity dragged through the pages of a low vile publication. Considering the source of the publication and the writer of the article does not lessen the harsh criticism confronting us at this time. We have long passed the crossed roads of uncertainty and fully know our goal so why place the name we love so dearly on the target of criticism.

The Twenty-third Grand Conclave will without a doubt be the greatest in the history of the fraternity. Unfortunate, indeed, will be the brother who misses this gathering.

Brothers, the greatest pleasure of my life has been to serve you as Grand President. I trust my efforts to do your will through my judgment are to the satisfaction of all for I assure you my every undertaking has been for the interests of Pi Delta Koppa.

GLENN W. CEASE,
Grand President.

Grand Vice-President

DONALD McCORMICK

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Don is also serving his second term as an officer in the grand chapter having been elected guard at the Reno convention. It was also Don who served as chairman of the conclave held in Tulsa last August and we will all agree that the affair went over in the best of style, possibly the biggest and best convention ever held.

Grand Secretary

F. ARTHUR STORMES

Stockton, Calif.

Much can be said of this Pi Delt and as our space is limited we will just hit the high spots. First of all he was editor of Crossed Swords for two years and in that time has made our national publication what it is today, and as secretary this year has been and will continue to be one of the hardest workers this fraternity has.

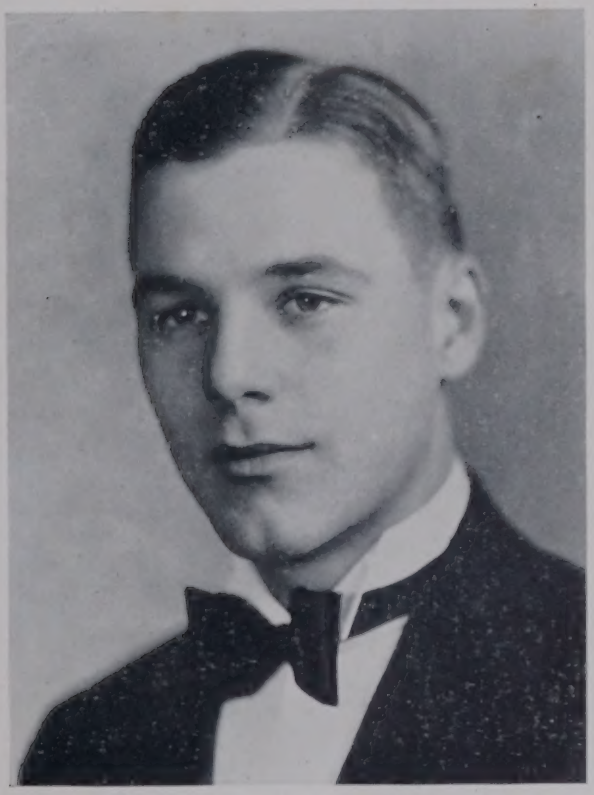
Grand Treasurer

Wm. D. SCHLITZ

San Francisco, Calif.

Collector of dues, all kinds, seller of ads and chairman of conventions is what this young man had mapped out for himself when he left Tulsa last August, he is still trying to get some of you fellows to jar loose and will before his term of office expires we know. He has sold the ads and now we will wager our last dollar that he puts on the best conclave you ever had the pleasure of attending.

Grand Master of Ceremonies



KENDALL SHEPARD

Kansas City, Mo.

This is Kendall's first grand office and he promises to be in San Francisco to take care of his duties next August. At the present time he is attending Wentworth Military Academy and helping the Missouri Gamma boys as much as he can.

Grand Guard

J. A. D. HUMPHREY

Savannah, Georgia

This boy from the far east journeyed to his first convention and carried off one of the grand offices. Jack tells us he had a most wonderful time and will be in the city of the Golden Gate when the 1928 convention rolls around.

Grand Historian

ROBERT A. HOOK

Sacramento, Calif.

Another one of the Brothers who is helping the grand chapter for the second time, you all remember him as the secretary last year. This year Bob is working as you might say, under cover, for his office requires that he look into the past history of this fraternity. Elsewhere in this annual you will find his report, read it and think it over.

Editor Crossed Swords

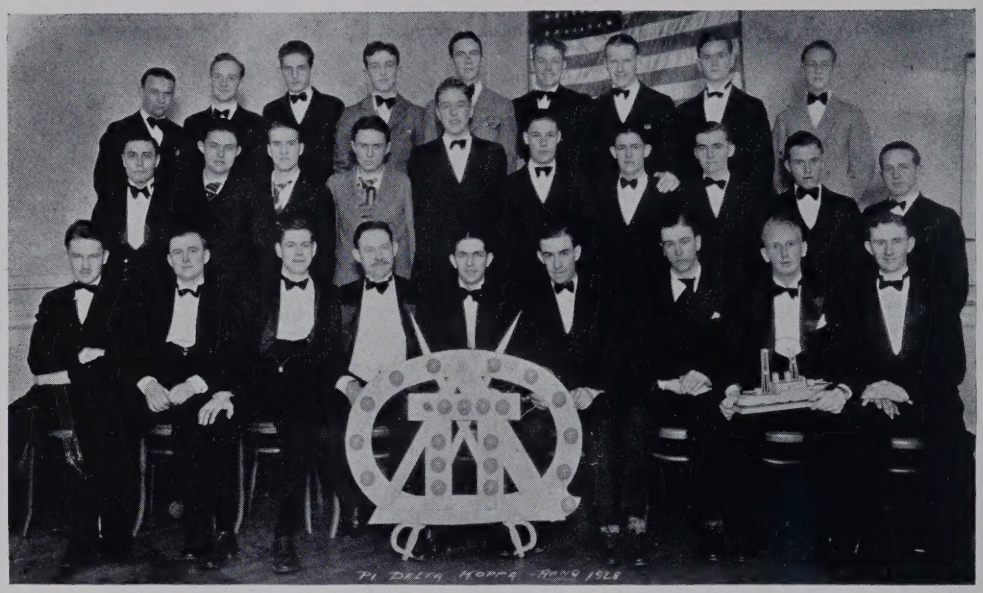
ROBERT O. EATON

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Not much can be said of the editor at the present time but if you will kindly turn to his write up you may read what he has to say about the present crop of chapters and the support that was given the annual this year.

Chapters

Nevada Beta



Top Row: M. Garner, J. Lewis, R. Creps, A. Edwards, V. Casey, T. Penrose, E. Brewer, S. Annett and C. Farr.

2nd Row: R. Dohr, J. Savage, C. Casey, E. Savage, D. Smith, C. Gorman, O. Grignon, H. Johnson, D. Brown and M. Boland.

Bottom Row: R. Yates, H. Stevenson, R. Durkee, E. Howell, R. Burke, J. Woolverton, R. Atkinson, B. Loomis and W. Clark.

OFFICERS

RAY E. BURKE ..... *President*

EUGENE HOWELL ..... *Vice-President*

CHARLES GORMAN, JR. ..... *Secretary*

JOE WOOLVERTON ..... *Treasurer*

ROBERT ATKINSON ..... *Master of Ceremonies*

JACK HALLY ..... *Guard*

ROBERT DURKEE ..... *Corresponding Secretary*

RENO, NEVADA

Nevada Beta sends to all chapters and brothers of Pi Delta Koppa their most hearty greetings for 1928.

The year 1927-28 has been a varied year for our chapter, we have had our ups and downs throughout the year, but now we are on our feet and going strong since Bro. Burke was elected president soon after returning from the conclave at Tulsa. Right now there is more enthusiasm and better spirit than has been shown since we were hosts to the convention in 1926 and we think from now on we will be in the best of shape.

This fall we decided to have a Treasure Chest Raffle to raise some money and put the chapter on good financial footing, we raffled a chest worth $400.00, and even though we did not make a fortune we received good advertising and started a little spirit.

On January the 29th we held a skiing party at Truckee, California, we had a very good turn out with about thirty of the Brothers attending to enjoy the fun and good eats.

Then January 30th we held the first degree and we assure you that the seven pledges who went through will never forget it, and then on February 12th the second degree was given and was followed by a banquet honoring the new men who will help the chapter a great deal when they learn more about the mystic three.

Last fall or late summer we had the pleasure and honor of installing a new chapter of Pi Delta Koppa at Elko, Nevada and although they have a small chapter now we feel sure that in years to come they will be right up to standard with a very active future.

We had one of the best dances this chapter has ever given last fall, the music, girls and hall, everything was perfect, all the brothers and their guests had a wonderful time. A few social functions have been given from time to time to keep up the pep and enthusiasm.

Brothers, when the conclave rolls around this summer you can expect to see Nevada Beta there in force, we are hot for it, so lets go for the best convention ever.

JOHN WALTHARS,
Chapter Editor.

Kansas Delta

Top Row: Burns, McCanles, Underwood, Turner and Durr.
Middle Row: Anderson, Bear, Foster, Molitor, Jones and Rice.
Bottom Row: Zweifel, Mackie, Marshall, Shook, Gill, Evans and Foster.

OFFICERS

RAYMOND DURR ..... *President*
EMERY UNDERWOOD ..... *Vice-President*
GARNETT SHOOK ..... *Secretary*
TOM MACKIE ..... *Treasurer*
RICHARD ANDERSON ..... *Master of Ceremonies*
JOE MCCANLES ..... *Guard*

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Greetings from the Kansas Delta chapter at Lawrence on the Kaw! Although we are a comparatively new chapter (being given a charter only last summer) we are well established as far as activities are concerned and hope to build up a strong and esteemed chapter.

If a prosecuting attorney should some day ask of these six members—Rice, Durr, Molitor, Ramey, Marshall or Mackie; "Where were you on August 26, 27 and 28 in 1927?" The answer would be "attending the twenty-second annual conclave of Pi Delta Koppa at Tulsa, Oklahoma." If that isn't an airtight, watertight and unbreakable alibi—we have yet to hear of one.

The six boys who were initiated there made the round trip in an collegiate wreck of ancient vintage and one which had a rather coquettish disposition. During the sojourn there, it was one of the best known cars in the city as it had an unique color scheme in "Duco." The boys said, "We had one hell of a good time after one hell of a good time" so in other words, they had a stay of a continuous hellish good time. Yea for Bill Schlitz, the California Xi, and the twenty-third annual conclave! So much for the miscellaneous, now for the boys themselves.

This fall Foster, Underwood, Anderson, Fursman and Mackie were first string men on the ever-victorious Lawrence high football team. On the basketball team Furman and McCanles represented the Kansas Delta.

Members attending high school are: Anderson, Bear, Foster, Fursman, Holloway, Mackie, McCanles, Underwood and Zweifel.

Pi Delts attending the University of Kansas are: Evans—a Phi Psi pledge; Jones—"a little frosh;" Marshall—a Sigma Nu pledge, belongs to the Leader's tumbling team which performs gymnastic feats at various affairs. Molitor—is a Phi Kappa pledge; Ramey—a Delta Upsilon pledge, was a member of the freshman basketball squad; Rice—was also a member of the squad; and Shook—"who is also another freshman."

Next semester Burns, Durr, Gill and Holloway are planning on entering K. U.; while Bryant intends to enroll in high school, being in Arkansas the first semester.

Oh, Yes, don't let us forget "Big Boy" Turner. He is a city "fly cop" and see that all of the boys have enuff." (We wish he would!)

Several boys attended the Kansas Beta party at Kansas City, Kansas on November 11 and the Missouri Beta dance on December 17.

The first Kansas Delta party in 1928 was held on January 26. Not only were representatives and Pi Delts invited, but likewise a chapter bid was issued to the Lawrence Omicron Omicron boys, to promote a friendlier feeling between the fraternities.

Oklahoma Eta

Top Row: McDuffie, Amphlett, McCalamant, Morris and King.
2nd Row: Whitten, Davis, McPherson, Rouse and Adams.
Sitting: Ozmun, Walkup, Davis, Morris and Sauerman.

OFFICERS

ROBERT MORRIS ..... *President*
TED AMPHLETT ..... *Vice-President*
ERNEST MCDUFFIE ..... *Secretary and Treasurer*
ROY SAUERMAN ..... *Master of Ceremonies*
BAKER MORRIS ..... *Guard*

LAWTON, OKLAHOMA.

All visiting Brothers please remember that Medicine Park is always open and growing bigger and better every year, if you know what we mean.

Another year before us in which we hope to fill with memoriable incidents for the history of Pi Delta Koppa in our vicinity, we have outlined our activities so that there will be something doing in our chapter at all times.

And, Oh, that well remembered Conclave at Tulsa. That event is great proof of our progress as we had eleven members present against the two who attended the preceding year at Reno. Another honor to be marked upon our tablets was the election of one of our former brothers and a charter member of this chapter, Glenn Cease as Grand President, this is the third consecutive year for Lawton to have one of its members holding a grand office. Several of the boys were forced home minus their hard earned savings before the extermination of the convention owing to the fact that there was some sort of games of chance in course during their stay. The farewell banquet was graced by a wonderful delivery of our national sweetheart song by the representatives from Oklahoma Eta Chapter.

Last fall in place of our annual football dinner dance we gave a hard time dance at the Lawton Golf and Country Club having as our guests the High School football team. This as well as many smaller affairs was a great success as every one was dressed in keeping with hard times and to make it more realistic, gunny sacks were used for curtains and boxes for seats, punch was served from a ten gallon keg which caused great merriment among the crowd, including the orchestra.

This year five new members have been initiated into our ranks, all fine fellows who will help keep things humming. At present we have four slick pledges who enjoy their beatings and such to the fullest extent.

One big improvement over last year is that we now have club rooms of our own located in the down town section of Lawton, we held a big dance here Christmas afternoon with music furnished by three talented Elkoioficins.

We are looking forward to many more festivities and also to meeting all of the gang at the city of the Golden Gate next August.

Yea Pi Delts,
Okla. Eta Chapter
Pi Delta Koppa
Lawton, Oklahoma.

California Omicron

Top Row: Stormes, Vignolo, Schneider, Davy, Foley and Godsil.
2nd Row: McCall, Jenkins, Kearney, Tarter and Tyler.
3rd Row: Hogan, Pickering, Wallace, Stiles, Alwurm and Williams.
4th Row: Tye, Platek, Gazzolo, Cassidy, and Buck.
5th Row: C. Gavigan, Hoffman, Miller, Minges, Scott and Caviglia.
6th Row: Smith, Reynolds, Grahm, H. Gavigan and Hoffner.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Here we are again, gang. Looks like these years are beginning to speed up a little. It sure doesn't seem like a whole year since we met all of you boys in the 1927 Crossed Swords. In the space of one year most of us have advanced a great deal and I am proud to say that California Omicron is among those that can say they have bettered themselves during the past year. We have taken in some mighty fine boys and beside have welcomed some of the inactive brothers back to the fold. Nothing like getting some of the old boys interested again.

There are four major fraternities in Stockton that form the inter-fraternity council and of these four Pi Delta Koppa is one of the strongest, if not the strongest. In the many events that have been sponsored during the last twelve months by the council the Pi Delts have been well represented. We placed second in the baseball league and but for one bad game we would have won the cup. This year we do not intend to let any of the other tongs win a game. As we were the only frat to put up a basketball team, we won that series by default. Dances, picnics, snowrides and stag parties found the Pi Delts well up amongst the leaders.

We did not give our annual dance last year as we put the money into clubrooms but this year we are throwing our annual hop in April and as the P. D. Q. dances in the past have never been surpassed there promises to be a mad scramble for bids. We are planning on giving the natives something new and novel in the way of entertainment and we cordially extend an invitation to any visiting brothers that may care to attend.

California Omicron boasts of one of the peppiest and liveliest pledge clubs in the State. They have something like 15 or 20 members and hold their meetings separate from the big club. They have some of the most promising young men in town as their members. Four of the five men that start every basketball game for the state champion team of the Stockton High School, are pledges to our fraternity. We also have in our fold the captain and two of the star players of the football team. We have collected most of the eligible boys and we can sit back and watch the others fight for what is left.

Our chapter gives several banquets and stag parties each year. Last one was held on Washington's birthday in conjunction with the pledge club. Believe me when 40 fellows get together they can make any cafe wish their doors were closed. The evening's entertainment was furnished by the young hopefuls and as the affair closed they were given a talk and presented with pledge pins by the "Daddy" of our chapter, Rex T. Kearney. These banquets are held every two or three months and they serve to weld the boys closer together.

That about all for this time fellows although you will see us well represented at San Francisco in August. I forgot to mention that three of the brothers made the trip to Tulsa, Art Stormes and Earl Williams as delegates and Bill Hogan. They came back broke and with many weird tales of the wilds of Oklahoma.

Our secretary is Earl Williams, 38 S. Sutter Street, and he is sure the prompt boy on answering letters. So get busy some of you chapter scribes and drop him a line.

THE COMMITTEE.

Oklahoma Zeta

Top Row: Elbert Horner, Jerry Allen, Russell Knower, Lennie Wells and Glen Clutter.
2nd Row: Don Shutt, John Mitchell, Beryl Lootridge, Lloyd Wells and Rufus Bently.
3rd Row: Gilbert Richards, Fred Cline, Harlan Mefford, Emanuel Warrick and Guy Huet.
Bottom Row: Carl Jones, Charles Gamble, Jimmy Stovall and Wallace Abbott.

OFFICERS

JEROME ALLEN ..... *President*
LLOYD WELLS ..... *Vice-President*
FRANK YANCEY ..... *Secretary*
JOHN MITCHELL ..... *Treasurer*
CARL JONES ..... *Master of Ceremonies*
JAMES STOVALL ..... *Guard*

ENID, OKLAHOMA

RADIO STATION P. D. Q.

Dear Brothers:

We are announcing the increased activities of Oklahoma Zeta chapter of Pi Delta Koppa at Enid, Oklahoma in everything from high powered formals to holding red hot initiations for pledges. With the election of Jerry Allen as president for the year 1928 things starting moving. (A man of his bulk should be able to move most anything.)

Early this year we started the idea of holding a noon day luncheon and once a month we have a banquet down town for our rushees and this is the one time when all the oldheads crowd around the festive board, we believe this idea alone was worth the expense of the campaign and we know it will keep the fraternity on the upward trend. If your chapter is suffering a relapse in interest try, Dr. Zeta's luncheon cure.

In our activities we started on December the twenty-eighth with our annual Christmas Formal Dinner Dance which was held at the leading hotel and was a huge success and attended by the elite of the city.

On January the twenty-ninth we held a big initiation out at Brother Shutts hunting lodge and the following night the formal ritual was given.

On February the tenth our annual bowery dance was given which was the best dance of the season and we had the pleasure of entertaining some visiting brothers.

We have planned a few more informal affairs for the spring and until that time will sign off wishing you the best of luck and hoping to see you in San Francisco in August.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

OKLAHOMA ZETA.

California Sigma

Back Row: Dick Greening, Ernest Worth, Lester Empy, Phil Allen, Frank Simpson, Arthur Davison and Albion Perley.

Front Row: Blair Boldgett, Willard Neumann, Red Javanovich, Bill Butlar and Francis Keithley.

OFFICERS

RED JOVANOVICH ..... *President*

ERNEST WORTH ..... *Vice-President*

FRANCIS KEITHLEY ..... *Secretary*

WILLARD NEUMANN ..... *Treasurer*

BLAIR BLODGETT ..... *Master of Ceremonies*

ALBION PERLEY ..... *Guard*

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

Greetings Brothers:

Some two years ago California Gamma and Zi got together to install four students of the San Mateo Junior College as charter members of the first Junior College chapter in the state. Membership is composed in its entirety of men who are now attending or are graduates of the college.

Since its formation, Sigma has slowly but steadily advanced towards its ultimate goal—the strongest chapter in the fraternity. We have had our downs as well as our ups, but we believe that our downs are now a thing of history. Our main difficulty occurred when our membership was badly depleted by graduation and by departure from town of a number of brothers.

We recently took in four fine men and are rushing some six or eight wonderful prospects, at the present time this chapter has eighteen active men and now negotiations are under way and we expect to close them shortly for our own house in San Mateo. On of the high lights of the year was the initiation held at San Jose in connection with Beta and Gamma, the formal was held in Frisco and was followed by a banquet.

Our social activities have been numerous and varied, we joined with Gamma in giving our Fall Formal, which was highly and enthusiastically praised by every fraternity in town. We also have united with them in the past for many parties, informal dances and in a treasure hunt. Within our chapter we have put over a number of picnics, banquets and last but not least we treat the neophytes to an initiation not soon to be forgotten.

We combined with Gamma and Beta for a sport dance in March which was a wonderful success and enjoyed by every one, soon after we held a chapter dance and to satisfy the demand we are going to hold another treasure hunt in the very near future.

Sigma chapter in its first really national announcement hereby serves warning that its third fraternal year will see it staging a mighty battle for the honor of being the strongest link in the Golden Chain of Pi Delta Koppa.

Best wishes for the continued success to all the brothers and to see you at the conclave—and how?

CALIFORNIA SIGMA.

Oklahoma Beta

Top Row: Phil Anderson, Clarence Highfil, Robert Eaton, Glenn Cease, Leo Cree and Robert Bowers.
Second Row: Ridge Polson,, Ernest Coffey, Russell Stone, Douglas Bowers, Jack Morrison and John DuBose.
Third Row: Arsene Bomar, Wendell Barrow, Joe Connolly and Arthur Marshall.
Fourth Row: Charles Anderson, Harry Kyle, Don Snyder, Harold Armour, George Katzung, D. C. Lindly and Phil Lackey.
Fifth Row: Ed Roy King, Albert Stewart, Hayden Brown, Jim Marsh, Vaughn Quay and Lee Barnes.
Bottom Row: Russell Barrow, Hall Warren, Vincent Maloney, Paul Howle, Dave Solliday and DeWitt Tidwell.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Greetings:

Well boys after looking at all the smiling faces on the other page, Oklahoma Beta doesn't believe it needs much of a literary write up. They say you can always learn more from pictures anyhow; but we have something to brag about. You will notice the smiling countenance of the Grand President and also the editor of the Crossed Swords, two of the Grand boys in our midst. HOWS THAT? Having received the above mentioned honors and also the privilege of the name of Grand Chapter for the year, our chapter is doing its best to uphold the traditions of the fraternity.

The conclave being in our neighboring city of Tulsa we had a representation of some fifty members present and the men who attended the convention returned full of "wim and wigor" to start the ball rolling for the new year, and to assist our Grand Officers to make this one the best ever.

At the conclave we initiated Kansas Delta of Lawrence, Kansas and have since initiated Oklahoma Kappa at Stillwater, Oklahoma so we have a good start and hope to keep up the stride.

Our first affair of importance was the annual Christmas dinner dance which was held at the Huckins Hotel. The Pi Delts lived up to their reputation and received recognition for the finest affair of the season. There were about 200 present and a wonderful time was had.

Our next affair is to be our Fifteenth Annual Spring Dance and the boys are making strenuous efforts to make it a success.

In addition to our regular annual affairs we are filling in with several house dances and they are always well attended.

The Pan-Hellenic council has organized a baseball league with eight fraternities participating and the interest and rivalry is at a white heat. Having what we think is the best material in the city, we are looking forward to a victory and the championship, which carries with it a handsome silver cup. We have already been victorious in one game by a large margin and our hopes are high.

We have received further honors from the fact that we have had two men graduate from West Point and have two more attending at the present time.

We are all looking forward to the coming conclave at San Francisco and there has been some talk of chartering one of the transcontinental buses for the trip so we feel confident that Oklahoma Beta will be well represented. The Grand Secretary is certainly on the job and we are all for him strong.

OKLAHOMA BETA.

Nevada Gamma

Top Row: S. Comish, W. Wayman, D. Bell, J. Oldham, J. Gunther and R. Harris.

Bottom Row: J. Olin, D. Castle, E. Walther and U. Miller.

ELKO, NEVADA

We, of Nevada Gamma, give you our hearts and hands in token of true friendship and esteem. It cannot be said that we are not mindful of the great honor conferred upon us for in our hearts the true appreciation of becoming one of the lesser triangles in the great Mystic Three holds all else subservient.

Our plans began some time ago when a group of young men in this Land of the Sagebrush, found themselves bound by strong ties of friendship. Two of the group, being graduates of the University of Nevada, knew the benefits of a college fraternity and realized the great good that can come from such association. With Brother Earl Walther, to think was to act, and he immediately began negotiations with Nevada Beta to introduce our petition for acceptance into Pi Delta Koppa.

The generous approval of our plea by our great fraternity was symbolized by Nevada Beta in installing Nevada Gamma on July 3rd, 1927. Since that time we have gone through the required period of uncertainty and now have our feet firmly on the ground and taking rapid strides ahead.

The knowledge that a great many people have about fraternities is a superficial knowledge and often biased. Most of their information is that

gained from scandal peddling newspapers and cheap magazines publishing sensational stories of fraternity life. This has been our greatest obstacle but has been duly overcome by our work along helpful lines in the community and our social activities. Since our installation our bids have always been at a premium and lucky is he considered who is asked to join with us. By means of Skating Parties, Theatre Parties, and dances, we have built up a social standing which is not within the reach of any other group here. Plans for an orchestra, for athletic teams, and for the offering of our services in community causes, have given us the worthiness necessary to the well being of our order.

The present enrollment of our Chapter totals ten. Each man a splendid fellow well able to handle any responsible position given him, in fact a more pleasant group or versatile would be hard to gather together. Our Chapter motto might well be said to be, "While we live let's live in clover, for when we're dead we're dead all over". Lacking the facilities for a chapter home and the incidentals that go to make up different places of entertainment each time, we are forced to create our own environment. Perhaps you have the mistaken idea that we can't. Our main idea now is to someday entertain the Conclave here with a true picturization of the old West and its true hospitality.

Brother Earl Walther was unanimously placed at the helm of our "prairie schooner" as his four years in college and experience in handling unruly A. T. O's. well fitted him for the job. He may be found in the cage of the Henderson Banking Co. during the day.

Bros. John Gunther, vice prexy, and Stephen Comish, treasurer, hail from New Jersey and Nevada respectively. The former holds a responsible position in the First National Bank here, and the latter rules with an iron hand the students of the Elko High School in the office of President of the Student Body.

Bros. Raymond Harris, secretary, and Udell Miller, true sons of the sagebrush, keep us well amused and advertised. The first by his piano work and incidental aid to Bro. Gunther in the First National Bank, and the second by his expert linotype work with one of the local papers. Not to mention his basketball ability and sheik tactics.

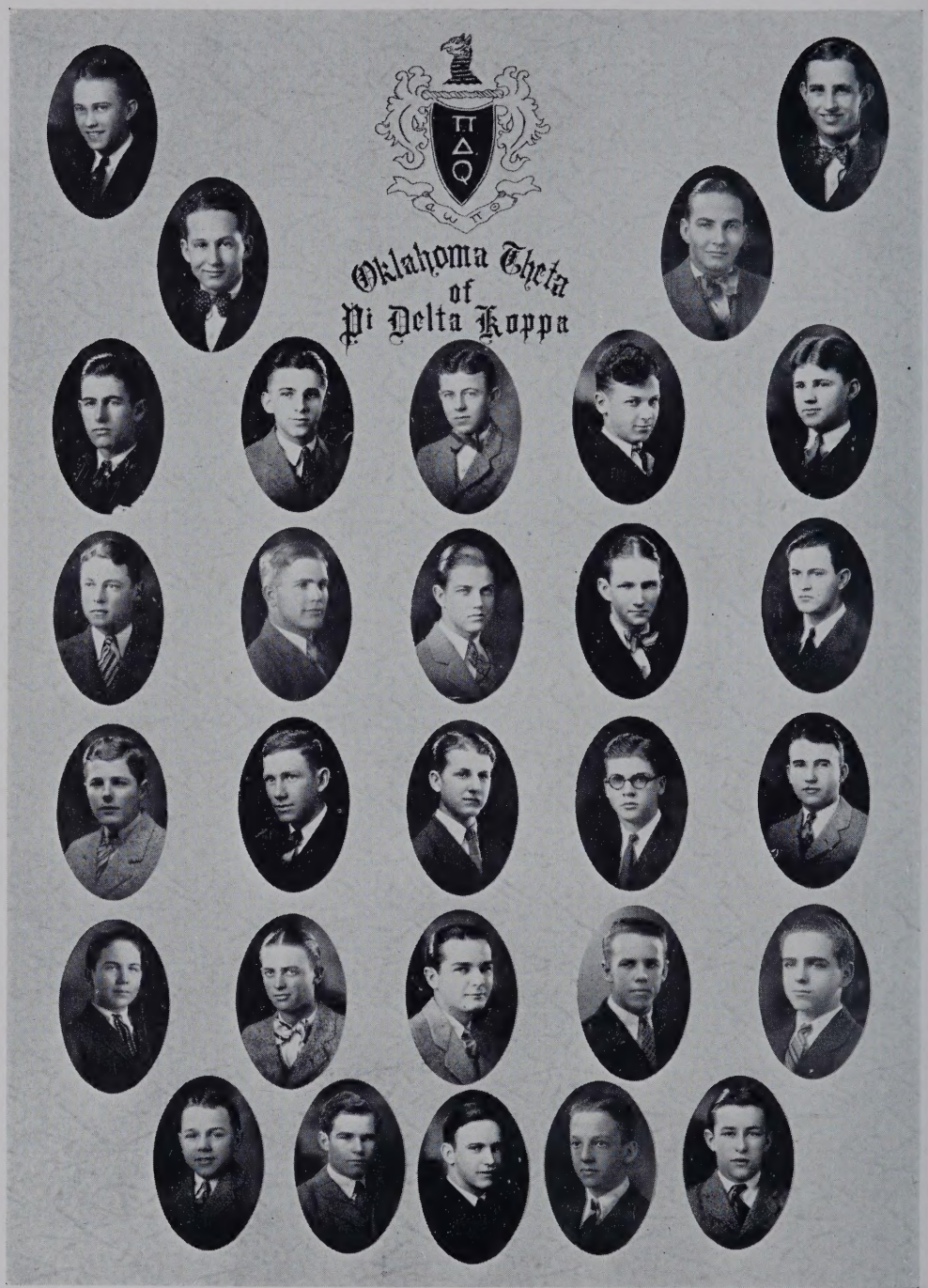
Bros. Douglas Castle and Dale Bell, wear the emblem of S. A. E. beside the Crossed Swords and while Doug tries to fathom the intricacies of a myriad of buckram bound legal tomes, Dale instructs us in the news of what the young men of today are wearing.

Bros. Jim Olin, John Oldham, and Willis Wayman, three typical go-getters, represent the three types of masculinity, a fiery red head, a tall sedate brunette, and a husky blonde. The first helps to corral dollars for the Henderson Bank, the second aids Uncle Sam in his Postal Service, and the third tries to show us that lumber is a necessity in life. All three take care to see that charming bits of feminity are well taken care of and entertained.

In all we are a happy-go-lucky bunch, trying hard and working to advance Pi Delta Koppa along the great road of Success, Good Fellowship, and Fraternity.

D. A. CASTLE,
Chapter Editor.

Oklahoma Theta



Top Row: Canterbury and Hettick.
2nd Row: Turley and Hauser.
3rd Row: W. Parks, Ogilvie, Hurt, Clark and Bowlin.
4th Row: Hinson, Tillman, Houchin, Diffendaffer and Williams.
5th Row: Lynde, Fryer, Rorschach, Martindale and Majors.
6th Row: Dodson, Hyden, Land, Bower and Drake.
7th Row: Catlett, DeGroot, Durnil, Teasdale and T. Parks.

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

Theta Chapter is now enjoying its most successful and prosperous year since its installation in the fall of 1925 despite the fact that we lost nearly half the chapter because of brothers graduating and leaving for college and that the school board is very determined that fraternities in Muskogee shall cease to exist.

Eleven brothers from this chapter attended the Conclave at Tulsa last August and as every Pi Delt knows, a big time was had by all and in due respect to Oklahoma Delta of Tulsa, we wish to hand it to them for the manner in which they arranged every minute detail of the affair.

The social functions of this chapter this year have been one glorious success after another. we started the season off with a series of four script dances on Sept. 23, 1927. On the Twenty fifth of November we gave our Annual Thanksgiving Dance at the Hotel Severs, about seven brothers from Tulsa and a few from Oklahoma City were here and with every one home from school we all had a good time. On Dec. 29, we entertained at the Muskogee Town and Country Club with our Annual Christmas formal, the Oklahomans from O. U. furnished plenty of hot music, silver candlestick holders from Balfour were given the girls and many novelty favors were distributed among the guests together with about a ton of confetti and serpentine, an electric lighted replica of our badge was hung at the end of the hall and gave a very pretty effect to the dance.

Two members of this chapter attended the installation of Oklahoma Kappa at Stillwater on March the 17th and immediately after the ceremonies the new chapter entertained with a "Farm-house party" which lasted until the wee small hours. Congratulations Oklahoma Kappa.

In April during the Easter vacation with every one home from school we entertained with our Annual Spring Dance at the Hotel Severs. We have nine brothers attending the State University at Norman, only a short distance away and we are very often honored with week end visits from them.

We have at the present six pledges, two being brothers of members and as we loose six men through graduation and in order to fill these vacancies we will initiate these men in Tulsa soon after school is out, bring them into the chapter and teach them the hows and whys of things so that they may carry on after we have gone.

The members of our chapter have carried away many honors in high school in the last two years, among some of their achievements are, President and Treasurer of the senior class, president of the 'M' club, president of Forum, Speaker of House of Representatives, Editor of Chieftain, president of Boys Glee Club, Members of National Honor Society, Members of Debate Squad, Football letterman and many other high school honors to numerous to mention.

Chapters! ! ! How about some inter-chapter correspondence? You know that we will never succeed as a great national organization without this one big thing. Six or possibly ten members will be in San Francisco for the conclave and may each chapter have at least one or more delegates. Until August the 24th, when we will all be together, we wish to remain,

Fraternally yours,
OKLAHOMA THETA.

California Mu

Top Row: Norman Brown, Arnold DeMoss, Lem Tull, Vernon VanNuys, Paul Byrne, Lloyd Gull, Robert Ferguson and William Durham.

2nd Row: Tobias Kelly, Lester DeMoss, Fred Aisthorp, Ernest Clark, Floyd Bush, Frank Ferguson and Dr. C. C. DeMarais.

3rd Row: Donald Byrne, Clyde Peter, Francis Donohue, Carl Broillard, Louis Olker, George McPhee, Ray Denlay, Vernon Tull and Thomas Dwyer.

Bottom Row: Edward Reynolds, Douglas Brayton, Basil Gillett, Howard Bass and Harry Aisthorp.

OFFICERS

CLARK	*President*
BUSH	*Vice-President*
F. AISTHORP	*Secretary*
L. DEMOSS	*Treasurer*
KELLY	*Master of Ceremonies*
F. FERGUSON	*Guard*
C. BROUILLARD	*Corresponding Secretary*

CHICO, CALIFORNIA

Another year has passed and finding myself in somewhat of a quandary as to what to write for Crossed Swords, I'll try to recall all of the happenings and pleasant times the Pi Delts of California Mu have had in the past year.

We have taken in twelve new members this year and I say it now that they are the worlds best, the real spirit of true Pi Delts was burnt into their heart and will carry on the work of the chapter when the older ones stop. However the word 'stop' is not known to us here—in any respect—we are the most active fraternity in town and set a fast pace for the rest and competition is keen here as it is in a college town. We are proud to boast that only three of our men went inactive this last year and if it had not been necessary they would not have done so, but at present we have thirty seven active with most of these attending every meeting.

Our social functions were all a huge success, the opener for the fall was a big Hard Time dance with everything perfectly in order and it started the year off with a bang, that all remember and enjoyed, on Thanksgiving eve we gave our annual dinner for Pi Delts and their lady friends, each was given a favor and for two hours the old spirit was at its highest. Then we asked all of the other fraternities and sororities to join us in our formal dance which was the most elaborate affair of the year, we hope that next year we will be fortunate enough to have more visiting brothers at our annual at Richardson Springs.

Right after the new year we had our annual stag banquet which was followed by an evening of entertainment that was all one could ask for—and how. There have been several impromptu affairs between these and at present plans are made for a Stag May Day Picnic which none fail to attend and our closing function of the year is the Sport dance which certainly does bring out the colors.

Some of our brothers have married this year but their faces still appear at meetings, we are proud of our members and of our chapter here, the complete cooperation of all the brothers under the guidance of Brother Clark our president, has kept our interest in the fraternity a big one.

We trust all of the other chapters are fairing as well as we are. Don't forget the conclave in San Francisco, for the west knows how and we have it to do it with, California Mu expects to be well represented at the convention, so will probably see you all there, and in case any of you are in or near Chico be sure to hunt us up for a welcome is awaiting any brother.

DR. CHAS. C. DeMARAIS,
Chapter Editor.

Oklahoma Epsilon

Top Row: Sid Clark and Wilson Baptise.
Second Row: Dutch Stewart, Gilders Jones, Rochel Erby, Arthur McLean, Doctor Cranston, J. C. Jennings and Cliet Palmer.
Third Row: Kenneth Abernathy, Terral Palmer, Wm. Coleman, Rufus Lillard, Jack Abernathy, Meryl Carr and Paul Moody.
Bottom Row: LeRoy Hensy, James Boyton, George Abernathy, Clifford Carleton, James Bowles, Leck Thurman, Perry Sullivan, George Ward, Wm. Amis and Eugene Wendling.

OFFICERS

LeRoy Hensy ..... *President*
Wilson Baptise ..... *Vice-President*
Jack Abernathy ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
John Carson ..... *Master of Ceremonies*
Terral Palmer ..... *Guard*
Meryl Carr ..... *Corresponding Secretary*

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Epsilon of Pi Delta Koppa in appearing once more upon the pages of the Crossed Swords extends greetings to all officers, chapters and brothers of the fraternity.

Much has transpired since we last let you all know we were still alive and kicking down here, and we have (we believe) furthered the cause of Pi Delta Koppa in Shawnee considerably to say the least. The past year has been from all angles a most successful one.

To begin with, we now have some twenty-six active members. Ten pledges have been given the Ritual and instructed in the secrets of the Order, and we have one pledge at present, who is bearing up nobly under the strain. In spite of strong competition which the other frats here put up, we succeeded in pledging every man we desired, which is really an enviable record.

Our social standing has been raised to new higher levels, due to the unceasing efforts of various members of Oklahoma Epsilon who labored indefatigably upon the various entertainments we staged. Some of you are no doubt aware of the excellence of our dances, from the letters we sent out describing our Christmas dance, an annual affair, at which all the social elite are present. We have had several house parties, dinner dances, and other entertainments of various kinds too numerous to mention, so we feel we have done well along this line. We have an Easter dance which was the "biggest, brightest and best" that has been held in Shawnee for some time.

However, a severe blow was struck the fraternities in Shawnee, with the vehement declaration of school authorities that no active member of an intermediate fraternity would be granted credit for his work, so several of the brothers have been forced to become inactive for a short period of time. We Pi Delts were hit a bit harder by this declaration than the rest, for the reason that in the first place, we have more members, second, we not only have more members, but the members we have are also better known, and third, we have been here a sufficient length of time so that all except one or two of the later initiates are known to the principal and school superintendent. In spite of all these obstacles to our progress, we feel we are still supporting the standard of Pi Delta Koppa in a manner that leaves very little to be desired.

With relation to the Conclave, several of the Brothers are planning to attend, and we expect to have from three to six representatives at Frisco.

OKLAHOMA EPSILON.

California Zeta

Top Row: Fremont DeArmond, Dale Tharp, Louis Wilcoxon and Ed. Shumway.

Middle Row: Harold Keely, Wendell Walton, Clarence Dempsey, Gerald Booth, Noel Parkinson, Norman Boyer and Eldon Ramsey.

Bottom Row: Clyde Fogarty, Willis Stewart, Beverly Kirk, Stuart Tapley and Jack Tapley.

OFFICERS

WILCOXON ..... *President*

FOGARTY ..... *Vice-President*

BOOTH ..... *Secretary*

SHUMWAY ..... *Treasurer*

BEYER ..... *Master of Ceremonies*

STEWART ..... *Guard*

MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Through Crossed Swords California Zeta makes here another progress report, of a year well spent, of new membership and new accomplishments. Since we last appeared in print, seven new names have been added to our roster and are now able and active assistants to the objectives of Pi Delta Koppa.

With a view to accomodating these new brothers comfortably and to stimulate rather poor attendance at meetings, a committee is now at work on the selection of better and larger clubrooms. Our presen location has served well for nearly three years but the quarters are small and in the winter, heating is inadequate. The committee has been given free reign in selecting clubrooms and we expect to move within a month from the present time. Once established we will be pleased to supply our address to any Pi Delt chapter with a cordial invitation to visit us at any time.

We pause for reflection. It is with profound sorrow and sincere regret that we chronicle the accidental death of Brother Farwell Brown, a year ago in March. At the time of his sad passing Brother Brown was no longer a member here, having transferred to California Kappa in Oroville where he made his home. He left here a distinct appreciation of his work in behalf of Calfornia Zeta and his death was a severe blow to all our brothers. Brother Brown was directly responsible for the reorganization of our chapter in 1925 and was an indefatigable worker in its interests. His memory will live with us forever and we dedicate this page of Crossed Swords to him.

Again to the present. At our last election Brother Louis Wilcoxon was chosen as our president, and an able one he has proven. Activities have kept apace with his government, and socially California Zeta is expanding to an important position in its home community.

Last June we held a stag banquet at The Barn, a country inn. The affair was a hilarious success although the management neglected to supply us with knives and forks with which to eat our chicken. In July a picnic and swimming party for Pi Delts and their ladies was held at Olympic Lake, near Grass Valley. It was a decided success. A party of several brothers went on a snow party in January, travelling nearly 100 miles to reach the snowline.

We held a dinner dance at Idylwild Inn, last March and it was one of our most successful informal affairs. Then, of course, all brothers of California Zeta turned out for the ceremonies for the incoming members.

Heading the list of social functions was the Pi Delt formal Christmas party dance, given December 28 in Foresters Hall. More than 200 couples attended and the hall was well decorated for the occasion. The orchestra was seated in the center of a huge fireplace, the ingenious conception of the hard-working decoration committee.

On the tenth of March, the Phaedo Club held a very successful dinner dance in the Hotel Marysville. We congratulate them on its brilliance, and own a pride in the progress of the Phaedos. They are furnishing us fine Pi Delts.

That's all until 1929. Next year we will report from our new clubrooms, and we hope, a calendar of greater accomplishments.

Fraternally yours,

ED N. BURT,
Chapter Editor.

Oklahoma Kappa

Top Row: Gallagher, Ballard, Hoyt, Smith and Berry.

2nd Row: Berry, Wyatt, Tate, Wright, Bently, Creech, Spicer, McElroy, Grady, Crutchfield and Turner.

Bottom Row: Eilerts, Pearson, White, Baker, Vincent, Sears, and Gudgel.

OFFICERS

LAWRENCE WRIGHT ..... *President*

EVERT BALLARD ..... *Vice-President*

FLOYD O. TURNER ..... *Secretary*

JACK BAKER ..... *Treasurer*

VINCENT SEARS ..... *Master of Ceremonies*

CARLTON GRADY ..... *Guard*

STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

Through the medium of the Crossed Swords the latest addition to the national fraternity of Pi Delta Koppa takes great pleasure in announcing that the older chapters will have to go some to keep up with the programme outlined by Oklahoma Kappa.

First we will briefly tell of our origination, back in 1923 out in the great cold world where Pi Delta Koppa is a synonym for high rating, the name "Strongarm Club" was unheard of, but around the town of Stillwater, Oklahoma, it soon had a wide spread reputation, it grew and with its vast expansion its reputation ascended. Five years later P. D. Q. was petitioned and on the night of March 17th, 1928, Oklahoma Beta instituted the baby member of this great fraternal group and thus the Strongarm Club became Oklahoma Kappa of Pi Delta Koppa.

This year was started off with our third annual pledge dance which was proclaimed a success by all attending, things drifted along socially until we held our big dinner in mid-winter, all courses were devoured eagerly by the future Pi Delts. Then we petitioned, and to honor Glenn Cease who did us the favor of visiting our club, we held a banquet in early spring. Plans are now under way for a big dance to be held in early summer to cap the climax of a very successful season. A series of house dance are now in progress. Eighteen boys were given the ritual by the Beta Chapter and eleven more took the solumn vows a few days later and by the time you read this there will certainly be no denying that there are twenty-three active P. D. Q's who are full of pep and rarin' to go in the hope of keeping up the old traditions of the fraternity which by the way, is miles above the traditional star.

This is all for the present, we'll try to see you at the national conclave in Frisco, but in the mean time drop us a line now and then, we have a live wire secretary and will promise to answer all letters sent our way.

Fraternally yours,
OKLAHOMA KAPPA.

California Xi

Top Row: Edward Kelly, McGregor Fallas, Robert Fallas, Malcome Elrick, Walter Hodgkinson, Beverly Coffin and Richard McNamar.

2nd Row: Allan Edwards, Harlan Entriken, Edward Oliver, Paul Hanson Lionel Ormsby, Jack Tuttle and Monte Kelly.

Bottom Row: Robert Flournoy, Arthur Spiganovicz, Howard Scott and Davidson Greene.

OFFICERS

EDWARD OLIVER ..... *President*

HOWARD RIGSBY ..... *Vice-President*

LIONEL ORMSBY ..... *Secretary*

PAUL G. HANSON ..... *Treasurer*

WALTER HODGKINSON ..... *Master of Ceremonies*

ROBERT FALLAS ..... *Guard*

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

California Xi Chapter takes this opportunity to extend our best wishes and greetings to every chapter in Pi Delta Koppa, we earnestly hope that every chapter has prospered during the year.

It is our ambition to have a chapter in every state of the Union, some how or other out here in California we have had a new chapter each year. What are you Brothers in the east doing about new chapters in neighboring states? There are several dormant chapters that could be revived and reorganized by devoting a little time and patience to the matter. Don't leave it up to the Grand officers they have their hands full. No doubt you all have athletic teams of some sort, we are proud of our football team, they have made an excellent showing in the past season. Nearly every one turns out for the games, there are sixteen fraternities in the Bay Region and they keep us plenty busy and our successes can largely be attributed to our enthusiastic captain, Brother Ormsby.

We expect an unusually large delegation from each and every chapter to the conclave this year. San Francisco is just across the bay from here and about thirty minutes ride in the roughest weather. Naturally we will turn out in great style. Most of the chapters in California are also quite fortunate in being close to the scene of activity. Crank up all the old lizzies you have, load up all the stray Pi Delts and hit the old highway. Believe it or not, the last time a conclave was held out this way several of the Brothers liked it so well that they have not gone home yet.

Brother Bill Schlitz has planned an excellent programme and I dare say it will surpass anything you have ever seen or heard of, for the benefit of the brothers way out east who have never been out here before, we will vouch that San Francisco is an ideal convention city, the city of the Golden Gate, this mild climate that makes conclaves go over big. Nuf sed.

Quite often we visit other chapters initiations and don't let any one tell you the California Omicron can't pull over a great celebration, not so pleasant for the neophites, however. They don't hesitate in letting the whole city know that several men were allowed to join good old P. D. Q. California Gamma, Sigma and Beta held a joint initiation a couple months ago and boy howdy it was a wow.

Our advice is to start saving your pennies right now and plan to see the biggest and best conclave ever held. We will be there to greet you. With the best of luck to each and very chapter and to all Brothers of Pi Delta Koppa.

Fraternally,

ED OLIVER.

Oklahoma Iota

Top Row: Phillips, Barnes, Carson, Jamieson and Luther.
2nd Row: Luffman, Norton, Campbell, Nuckols and Sanford.
Bottom Row: Gillespie and Bann.

OFFICERS

DON CAMPBELL ..... *President*
ED GILLESPIE ..... *Vice-President*
FRED SANFORD ..... *Secretary*
GEORGE PHILLIPS ..... *Treasurer*
BUCK LUTHER ..... *Master of Ceremonies*
DALE MANN ..... *Guard*

PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Howdy Brothers!

Oklahoma Iota extends to all chapters greetings and a cordial invitation to come to our city when in this part of Oklahoma. This year our chapter is enjoying one of its best years, our holiday affairs were the best ever and we have several more parties and stags all planned for the future, how about some of you fellows dropping over and we will all have a big time.

We are experiencing a steady growth and expect to gain some more good material in the next few months. A good percentage of our boys are in various colleges and universities, so of course as soon as school is out we will be much stronger actively.

Another bright outlook we have on the future is a chapter house in Ponca City, we have been making plans to that effect for some months and are expecting to realize them before many more.

Brothers we want you to know how successful our Pi Delt dinners are, the first of each month Iota chapter throws a big feed at the most exclusive place in town, each member brings one guest, and believe us these dinners are plenty hot, in more respects than one. That is one of the methods we have of being first in Ponca City, we welcome any of you at these dinners any time, just drop our secretary a line telling when you'll be here and we'll do the rest.

During the past year we have had the pleasure of entertaining brothers from several chapters, we have a guest book that has plenty more pages in it. Look us up.

We are not forgetting the 1928 Conclave in San Francisco, some of our brothers have already made plans to attend and perhaps before the time comes a few more will join. All aboard for Frisco, the convention city.

We, who attended the Tulsa conclave well remember the wonderful time that was had by the visiting delegates.

Let us hear from your chapter and mail all correspondence to Brother Ed Gillespie, 545 North 7th St., Ponca City, Oklahoma.

THE COMMITTEE.

California Lambda

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

First we will give a little history of California Lambda, and it's roll call at the end of it's first year of existence.

The following excerpts are taken from the Fresno High School "OWL" of 1925:

California Lambda Chapter instituted May 14, 1904.

Official Roll Call

Harry Barnett Paulden
* Leslie Einstein
William Pizarro Spratt
William Henry Truxaw
Jarvis Reed Schaeffer
James Edwin Spratt
Ralph Laurence Pierson
* Leslie Dent Clark
Frederick Barbour Moore
Lloyd Griffith
Frank Hamilton Short
* Guy Clinton Shannon
* Arthur Le Roy Shannon
William Becker

(* deceased).

The fourteenth day of last month brought to a close the first year of existence of California Lambda of Pi Delta Koppa. Before its first birthday the chapter had doubled the number of active members in three initiations, and starts upon the new year confident of success.

The fraternity had its origin at Michigan Military Academy, Orchard Lake Michigan in the late seventies. About 1878 the school buildings were destroyed by fire and with them the effects of the fraternity. However three years later a reorganization took place, and it determined to make the fraternity national.

In 1895 the mother chapter of the Pacific Coast, California Beta, was established at San Jose High School. To this chapter the others on the coast —thirteen in all, stretching from San Diego to Spokane—owe their existence East of the Mississippi there are five chapters. Of these two are in Detroit and one in Chicago, one in Louisville and Alpha at Orchard Lake.

A conclave of the Pi Delta Chapters is held annually. At these sessions the work of the past year is reviewed and plans for the betterment and growth of the fraternity are discussed. The conclave this year (1905) is to be held at San Diego, and judging from the program prepared by Iota, will go down in the annals as a memorable one.

A magazine, made up of chapter pictures, chapter letters, Pi Delta songs and matters of general interest to the fraternities published annually. A new directory will be published during the coming fall.

Both at Stanford and Berkeley, alumni associations have been formed and thru these agencies the fraternity will derive great benefits.

California Lambda chapter fully realizes that between the several hundred young men, enrolled in the various chapters of Pi Delta Koppa, there exists a bond of brotherhood and fellowship, such as is not found outside of high school fraternities. In the years to come, the friendship formed in one's teens will be forcibly remembered, and to every Pi Delta Koppa the recollections of his school fraternity work will remain most dear.

And now in 1928 we still find this to be true and every effort is bended toward making in the fraternity that spirit of fellowship and companionship so necessary at that age in one's life. Our oldest members still hold those days as their dearest. California Lambda has not seen a year that is the best, however a keen interest is shown on the athletic side of things. A basketball series between the Big Three has been arranged and we whipped our traditional rivals, the Phi Chis, in the first game 26 to 16, and hope to come out on top in the rest of the series. We beat them last year and are out to beat them again this year. A wonderful trophy is being offered to the series winners.

The annual snow picnic was held at Yosemite and everyone had an enjoyable time.

The greatest acievement socially, however not financially, was our annual mid-winter dance held on November 28th. This was beyond a doubt the most beautiful dance ever pulled off in Fresno. Every cent spent was worth the glory and esteem we got out of it. If we ever feel ourselves slipping before this dance comes off, we can be assured of a great spirit and pep arising from the success of this wonderful dance. We hold back nothing to make this our outstanding event.

On Sunday March 11th, an initiation was held. There were four initiated and they are mighty fine fellows. Walter Senior, Paul Wilhelmson, Roy Hansen, and Clabourne Hollingsworth are the happy fellows and we are proud of them.

Although we have no picture this year we are sending in a few snapshots. We want all the boys to know that the same old gang of fellows are holding up the laurels in Fresno. And our greatest sorrow is the missing of the conclave in Tulsa. Surely enough we wanted to but no one was able to get the raise. However we are all looking forward to the conclave to be held in San Francisco and expect to be there with flying colors.

Here's to all the chapters, a successful and progressive year.

OFFICERS

TED PIERSON ..... *President*
LOUIS LAURITZEN ..... *Vice-President*
CHESTER MADDEN ..... *Secretary*
HARTNELL BLAINE ..... *Editor*

Missouri Epsilon

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Whoopie, hotsy, totsy, hey hey. This is Missouri Epsilon's greeting to you, Brother Pi Delts.

We certainly have made steps forward since the "Family Gathering" at Tulsa. Five splendid candidates have been added to our chapter since the first of the year and in May we shall add ten more. We think we are the outstaning fraternity in and around St. Louis both socially and athletically. The brothers are together every evening which helps to form a more perfect brotherhood. At the present time we have twenty active members.

We held a chapter dance in the Tower Room of the Congress Hotel last fall, other events such as smokers, week end parties and rush parties followed. The entire chapter made a pilgrimage to Chautauqua, Illinois last winter, it is one of the most desirable summer resorts in the Mississippi Valley a good time was had by those attending but we know the pledges enjoyed the trip home better than anything else. Now a few lines about the Brothers.

We won't boast, we lack conceit
So please consider it a treat
That we shall try and briefly tell
What we can do and do it well.
Millard Allen is an Opera Star
Dutch Broeder can swim as far
As Bert Ressler can drive a ball,
Bernie Mabry's golf's not bad at all
Bud Chanslor, how he can dance,
Sonny Nichols' voice all enchants.
At bridge Carter Dietrich is a Champ,
If Lake were a girl he'd be a vamp
Dennison and Eoff, football stars,
Gregg is driver of racing cars.
Flint and Culver row with the crew,
Runs and boxes, plays polo too.
Gillespie and Geitz star in basketball,
Seivers at bowling beats them all.
Thiers at basketball wins every game,
Wedig in baseball does the same.
Madden, our lawyer so bold,
Knows much more than we have told.
Now before it's to late,
You must know how Roland can debate.
Jack, our artist, how he can draw,
Prettiest pictures you ever saw.
Kenneth Gilbert, long and slim,
But man how that boy can swim.
You all would stay till the break of day,
To listen to Parks on his banjo play.
Russell, how he can sing,
Lake married, can do anything.
Now if we had time, we'd tell you true,
A lot more things we can do.
But, we're modest as you'll admit,
You must be satisfied with this little bit.

That we may grow and improve is our aim for the coming year, we'll see you in Frisco. So long till then.

MISSOURI EPSILON.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

As we look back upon our records of the past year, we are proud of our achievements, proud of our escapades and prouder still because we have placed Pi Delta Koppa at the top. We have been successful both in keeping our old members together and mixing within them the new blood. Our greatest pride will be in August when we will have the honor of entertaining the delegates for the 23rd Annual Conclave. Without boasting, Brothers, we feel that no better place could be chosen to fulfill so worthy a mission. The pages in the history of Pi Delta Koppa are already written in letters of gold and let us hope that with the conclusion of the convention more pages may be added as brilliant as their predecessors. The outstanding event on our social calendar was the formal given in conjunction with California Sigma at the Belle Monte Country Club. The club house is situated in the foothills of San Mateo and on this particular night the moon made the verandas and terraces celestial. The music, beautiful girls, wonderful moon light—use your own imagination.

Another event of outstanding importance was the farewell party to Bro. Haines, just before the conclave last year our beloved vagabond decided to go a-questing in Europe, naturally we had a party and every one in town was there. Now after ten months of tramping all over the world and part of Africa he is back in the fold with many wild tales.

One of the Brothers conceived the idea of giving bridge parties to increase our income. We gave them and are proud to say they were all successful both socially and financially. At this time we wish to thank Bro. Lockwoods mother, Mrs. White for her services in enabling us to make these affairs a success.

Amidst our gayeties of the holiday season we were all very much saddened by the passing of one of our best friends, words are far too inappropriate to show just what a friend, Honorary Brother Mr. J. C. Svane was to us.

In February, Brothers from California Beta, Gamma, Sigma and Omicron gathered at a joint initiation in San Jose. The neophytes were well pleased that a delegation of over one hundred should turn out to instruct them in the mysteries of Pi Delta Koppa. The formal initiation took place in San Francisco and the whole affair was closed with a banquet at a certain Italian restaurant we know—if you are here in August we will gladly introduce you—you bet. During the year we have had the honor of entertaining numerous out of town Brothers at our club rooms and our only hope is that we may continue to be of service to any wayward sons of Pi Delta Koppa. If you are in town do not fail to look us up it may be worth your while.

In closing Brothers we wish you all the health, luck and success that can be had and will see you in August.

JAMES FRANCIS EAGAN,
Chapter Editor.

Oregon Beta and Gamma

NOTE—(For some reason the names of these good looking boys failed to reach my office, but for those not knowing the Brother in the top row, extreme right he is Past Grand President Frank Davis and the second from left on the bottom row is last years Grand Historian Tim Murphy.)

California Epsilon

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This chapter seems to be having their ups and downs and this must be one of the down years as they have not responded to any of the requests for material. However we understand they have ordered several pins and are having most of their trouble with school authorities and that as soon as the matter becomes more settled they will again join the ranks of the very active chapters.

Here's to you, Los Angeles we need you, let's see some of your men at the conclave and we know you will go home with all the old spirit and start things to humming once again.

EDITOR.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Oregon Beta and Gamma chapter again takes this opportunity of saying "Hello" to the Brothers of Pi Delta Koppa.

Crossed Swords is a wonderful medium through which to say "Howdy", it reaches all the Brothers just as if it was expressed through a personal letter. We of Oregon Beta and Gamma are proud of Crossed Swords; proud of all that it stands for and proud to share in it, it is one of the fraternity's most important works.

Beta and Gamma Chapter of Oregon has in the past year; that is 1927, had a very successful year, we have initiated five men and have at present five pledges. With an average attendance of thirty Brothers at the meetings, held every two weeks, the chapter has enjoyed a very successful fraternal and social year, on Saturdays there is a regular noon luncheon attended by most of the brothers, who are located down town, these luncheons are one of the chapters best activities, they help to keep the brothers in touch with one another during the time between meetings.

For 1928 the Chapter has outlined a group of plans, that if all are carried out, will mean a very busy year for the brothers. One of the most important of these plans is the building of a cabin on the property donated to the chapter by Brother Lomax, this is located in the Mount Hood district, which is the scene of all the winter sports held in Portland, and which is an ideal place to spend a summer vacation. This cabin will be about three hours ride by auto, on one of Oregon's best scenic highways, from Portland, when completed will be a big asset to the chapter.

Plans for the annual boating party, which is held for the newly initiated men, are under way, This party has been the chapters big summer dance for a good many years, one, that is not often missed by the brothers, active or inactive. It is held on the Willamette River, which, in itself, is a very pleasant place to take a boat ride on a summer night.

The summer initiation is always the best one of the year, and is generally held at one of the Brothers country homes or ranch. The largest class is taken in and has a larger attendance of the members and this year will see one of the best ever held in our city. The chapter has been giving the pledges a course of instructions consisting of a short history of the Fraternity and of the chapter, the aim of the Fraternity, the work sponsored by the chapter and a general idea of the Fraternity mens creed.

These instructions have proven very successful and have made better men of our pledges and enabled them to become more active in the chapter work when the period of their pledgeship has been completed.

Arrangements are under way for a dance and a banquet to be held in May, these will open our summer activties.

From all indications Portland Chapter will have a large delegation to the San Francisco Conclave, hoping to see a good many of the Brothers there, and with best wishes from Oregon Beta and Gamma, I am,

Fraternally yours,

T. A. MURPHY.

California Iota

Top Row: Gene Brecht, Kingsley Tuttle, Barney Taylor, Junior Benbough, Reevan Hootman, Franklin Archer, Carl Nilson and Hod Eller.
2nd Row: George Wilson, Stanley Christopher, Fred Holtry and Al Tarr.
Bottom Row: Henry Jones, Tommy O'Connell, Robert Woolman and Ross White.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Iota chapter has a history woven closely around the word "Prestige". Another year has rolled by, and time is close for the recording of yet another page in these annals of the San Diego Pi Delts. It is with a certain amount of pride that the job is undertaken, since it is felt by the local brothers that performance for the past year can be looked back upon as another step forward in the perfection of Iota chapter.

The scope of the fraternity's membership in the city was brought forcibly upon the active Iotas at the Alumni banquet held in February, when nearly a hundred percent representation from the alumni gathered to feast and make merry. Men prominent in the business, social and collegiate world joined in to sing the praise of Pi Delta Koppa.

At San Diego State college eight Pi Delts have been holding their own in extra-curricula activities on the campus. During the past season two varsity football berths were held down commendably by P. D. Q's. Four others made their letters on the frosh eleven. One of the best weight men on the track team also wears the crossed swords of the fraternity. In the business and literary side of the college's life Pi Delts of Iota chapter hold the positions of news editor and business manager of the weekly publication, ticket auditor, and producer of the annual musical comedy.

High school membership in the Iota chapter was completely eliminated several years ago. Pledges are now drawn from the freshman class of the college, and from the business world of the city. Pi Delta Koppa has no difficulty at all in securing any desired freshman at the college.

Annual Stag Banquet

Social functions for the year have been numerous, both independently and in conjunction with the In er-fraternity council, which includes the four outstanding national frats in the city. Once a month the Big Four holds a closed dance for members of the council. The P. D. Q. New Years dance at the Coronado country club was perhaps the outstanding event on the Iota calendar, and was acclaimed by all those who attended as one of the best proms of the year.

During the summer months aqua-planing occupied the brothers' Sunday mornings and afternoons. On these parties the Pi Delts and their chosen ladies sailed across the blue waters of the Pacific behind a peppy little speed boat.

Stag parties in the form of smokers have been held at fairly frequent intervals. On Christmas a party was held for active and alumni members, and food, clothes, and toys were gathered for one of the poor families of the city.

Though the chapter has no house, and holds its weekly meetings at the homes of the brothers, a cottage was rented at the beach during the summer months.

With the initiation of three pledges in March, the membership of the chapter included twenty-five men. A number of inactive members attend the meetings whenever they are able.

Two delegates of the chapter attended the national conclave at Tulsa, Oklahoma last fall. The chapter expects to put two dozen in the field at Frisco this year.

The job of reminiscencing completed, the brothers of the California Iota chapter join in best wishes to other chapters of Pi Delta Koppa.

FRANKLIN ARCHER,
Chapter Editor.

Oklahoma Delta

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

INACTIVE CHAPTERS

Michigan Alpha	1876 Orchard Lake
California Delta	1898 Santa Cruz
Illinois Beta	1902 Chicago
California Eta	1902 Alameda
California Theta	1903 Oakland
Oregon Beta	1904 Portland
California Kappa	1904 San Rafael
Washington Beta	1906 Tacoma
Washington Gamma	1906 Tacoma
Michigan Gamma	1906 Detroit
Kansas Gamma	1907 Wichita
Iowa Beta	1908 Des Moines
Missouri Delta	1908 Macon
Kentucky Beta	1911 Louisville
Minnesota Beta	1913 Minneapolis
Oklahoma Gamma	1917 Norman

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers:

Oklahoma Delta Chapter wishes to report a most successful year, the greatest undertaking being the conclave, which incidently was the 22nd. The Conclave was held in the Mayo Hotel with exception of a dance at Oakhurst Country Club and other rendezvous where unofficial meetings of many brothers were held.

We have added to the chapter this year not a great deal in quantity, but our additions are substantial and all are assets. Our social activity has been well up to the Pi Delt standard, three script dances have met with success above all others, our house dances, closed parties, steak frys and other affairs have been unusally successful.

Oklahoma Delta, I believe, is very fortunate to have the number of college men we have, some times it seems that we are assembling a college inter-fraternity council, many of our last years men are now in universities ranging from coast to coast.

Pi Delta Koppa is represented in the Pan-Hellenic council here in Tulsa and at the present we are engaged in base ball and our men are playing good ball and holding their own.

In expansion we have placed our hopes in Oklahoma Kappa chapter, the boys at Stillwater have added attractively to Pi Delt strength in Oklahoma, we look for big things from our baby chapter and hope to place another equally as good chapter soon.

We are very proud of the fact that for the past two years our chapter has been honored with two grand officers, this year the grand vice president Don McCormick who is now attending the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

Several of the brothers are planning on making the trip to the conclave, it is rumored that the second hand car market is doing quite a business.

With great appreciation for Pi Delta Koppa we report,—May our next, with our tenth anniversary be even better.

Fraternally,

HAROLD WORLEY.

California Nu

Top Row: L. Lagomarsino, B. Atkins, R. Hook, J. Mayhood and L. Smith.
Second Row: W. Elliott, J. Beswick, L. Ehert, B. Wood, P. Yoerk and T. Meckfessel.
Third Row: H. McKenna, M. Devins, F. Lagomarsino, D. Stephenson and H. Daily.
Fourth Row: A. Conover, B. Anater, D. Beswick, M. Venter, A. Henderson and S. Krebs.
Fifth Row: M. Kitchen, H. Rodegerdts, M. McGowan, J. Nealis, and F. Offenbach.
Sixth Row: J. Esberg, E. Hughes, F. Selva, B. Meckfessel and L. Brown.
Seventh Row: B. Wright, B. Nehrbass, J. Gallaway and J. Dunby.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Well, brothers, here is Cal Nu blowing off again after another very successful fraternal year. When Bros. Stephenson, Wood, and Hook came back from the conclave in Tulsa the enthusiasm they brought back was unconsciously instilled into the chapter and we increased our gait just a little more.

For the last three years, not only have we lead all fraternities in Sacramento, but we have outdistanced them so far that there can really be no comparison. But don't worry fellows, we aren't letting any of this go to our heads, we're just plugging straight ahead and trying to be just a little bit better each month.

We have lost several wonderful brothers, who have gone away to school, but we have also been very fortunate in filling their places with men that you all would be proud to call brothers. We have taken in 8 new Brothers since the last conclave.

Fraternity social activities have been fairly numerous during the latter part of 1927 and so far into 1928, with Pi Delta Koppa doing her share, in the way of barn dance and dinner dance, with two stag banquets to polish it off with. But the dance of the season is our annual Fancy Dress Ball at the Country Club. Really brothers its *the* dance, nothing has ever surpassed it in this town.

By this time all of the chapters know that we are the proud possessor of a house—1729 H Street. Its not a mansion to other people but it is to us, and when the freshmen have slicked things up (as they should do once a week) I tell you its a second home.

Our famous basketball team has just completed its second undefeated season. When we get all of our trophies on the mantlepiece I'm afraid it will have to be propped up. Not only do the brothers play well for Pi Delta Koppa but also for Sacramento Jr. College. Bro. Tom Meckfessel captained the football team and had as team mates, Bro. Silva, Anater and Beswick. The basketball team was assisted by the brilliant playing of Bros. Silva, McKenna, and Wood, while the track team is going to be ably supported by Bros. McKenna, Slawson and pledge B. Meckfessel. We also have three brothers on the council and one as the athletic manager.

And while we are speaking of sports, the interfraternity baseball league is going to swing into action about the middle of April. We didn't win last year though we played off a tie with the winners and beat them 5-4. Prospects for a good team this year are unusually bright and if things go as contemplated we'll be adding another trophy to the collection, and with the team ably managed by Bro. Ehert and brilliantly captained by Bro. Stephenson I'm sure such things shall come to pass..

Let me say another thing before closing, brothers, and that is in reference to correspondence. It is thru the medium of her monthly letters that Cal Nu is trying to break down the barriers of distance between its many brothers, and bring them closer to one another in feeling. If all the chapters would get the habit of sending out a letter every month, we would be able to live with these other chapters in imagination and that wonderful spirit of brotherhood would be strengthened between us. Give it a try secretaries, and by the time the 1929 conclave rolls around you'll be proud to say that you were instrumental in helping such a good cause along.

From the feeling in Cal Nu at the persent time I'm sure that if a reward of a million dollars were offered for anyone finding a Pi Delta in Sacramento during the 26th to 28th of August, there wouldn't be a single person able to collect. We brothers on the coast are fortunate indeed to be near the meeting place of this conclave to be conducted by Gamma Chapter. I'm telling you brothers that it is going to be a conclave never to be forgotten, those boys know how to entertain, I know after having been a member there for a little while.

So I'll end this little narative, brothers, with a big shout—"On to San Francisco."

Fraternally yours,

BILL WOOD.

Georgia Beta

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The Mystic Three of the East is endeavoring to do its best to bring prestige and honor to Pi Delta Koppa in this part of these United States.

The Georgia Beta Chapter has doubled in membership during the past year, always in keeping with the standard set by the Charter members. We have lost but one member since the chapter was founded, Brother Ed Parsons, who has returned to his home in Virginia.

At last we have moved into our new home. It is suitably furnished and a pleasure to all the members, for almost every night you can find most of the brothers there, with or without their dates. The place consists of five rooms and is located on Monterey Square, Bull Street, the boulevard of the Forest City. Bridge and dancing are the attractions at the club.

During the past summer, we had several house parties at Tybee Beach, Georgia's Playground, which were successful even beyond our fondest hope. Such entertainment has proven popular with Georgia Beta and its feminine friends, thus we are anticipating having a delightful time this season.

The Secretaries of the other chapters have no doubt heard from Georgia Beta, and now have something to compete with, as it should be mentioned here that we succeeded in electing a live wire to the office of Secretary of our chapter. Come on, Brothers, follow Brother Norton Frieson's example and let us hear from you, because such correspondence helps the national spirit of Pi Delta Koppa.

The whole chapter considered it an honor to have Brother Jack Humphrey elected to the office of Grand Guard at the last conclave. Brother Humphrey was president of this chapter at that time. Brother Walter Kramer is now president of Georgia Beta.

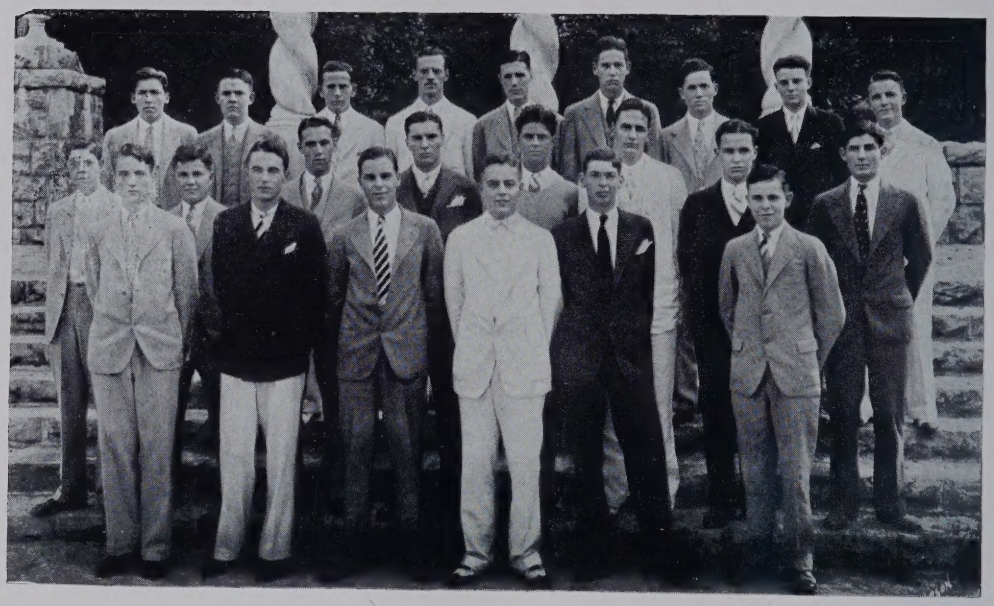
San Francisco is a mighty long journey from this Atlantic port, but I hope that some of the Brothers will be able to attend this year's conclave, for all have the desire to answer the roll at Frisco after listening to Brothers Humphrey and Major tell about the times at Tulsa.

Reading from left to right starting at top the brothers in picture are Humphrey; Strong, Master of Ceremonies; Glass, Vice-President; McManus, Oglesby, Treasurer; VanSickle, Kehoe, Johnson, Sheppard, Rudolph Ruth, Lee, Jones, Frierson Secretary; Koyle, Fraps, Register; Thomson and Henderson, Guard.

Fraternally,

JAMES F. GLASS, V. P.

Missouri Beta



Top Row: King, Hamm, Renne, Renz, Rychel, Braden, O'Connor (Oklahoma Delta), Kenny and Mackey.

Middle Row: Woolf, Bickel, McGilvray, Hume, Stevens, North, Besecke, and Munger.

Bottom Row: Wornall, Chamberlain, Shepard, Sandberg, Roueche and Conkey.

OFFICERS

BOB BICKEL ..... *President*

BILL BRADEN ..... *Vice-President*

BERT ROUECHE ..... *Secretary*

FRANK NORTH ..... *Treasurer*

BILLY STEVENS ..... *Master of Ceremonies*

BOB CHAMBERLAIN ..... *Guard*

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

For Missouri Beta, the past year has been an extraordinarily successful one, our unique social position has been upheld and confirmed by a series of parties and banquets.

Our Christmas formal, traditionally the first one of the holiday season, was acclaimed by all, during the winter several informal parties were held at the country clubs. Plans are now under way for the annual breakfast dance, this type of party begins with a swim at dawn, followed by breakfast, dancing, a jaunt in the country and winds up with a steak fry at the country home of one of the brothers.

The Pi Delt spirit of Missouri Beta was enlivened by the election of one of our members to the position of Grand Master of Ceremonies at the last Conclave. The chapter is now bending its efforts toward building up a real appreciation of the fraternity among its younger members.

The active members and some of their characteristics are, Bickel, a quiet chap, with the spirit; Braden, football letterman: Roueche, "The glass of fashion and the mold of form", North, self styled chapter synic; Stevens, chief transportation agent for Pi Delts; Chamberlain, a Beau Brummel with the soul of a poet; Sandberg, the chapters only bid for sophistication; Besecke, the farmer lured into the ways of the love lorn; Wornell, whose electric is the constant bane of pedestrians; Shepard, an all-around good fellow; Conkey, a jovial chap with the requirements of a go-getter; McGilvray, John Gilbert in a fog; Daniels, one of Missouri Beta's aspiring athletes, King, football letter man, "a very devil of a chap"; Woolf, baseball star, a bit unexpressive, but there with the spirit: Jones, one of the promising younger members, champion payer of dues; Munger, mighty quiet, but watch out when he does break loose: Kenney, a handsome lad, has a way with the girls; Mackey, always on the jog when assistance is needed; Wittman, fast learning the ways of his elders; Willock, his southern accent gets 'em, a true Pi Delt; Renne, self-styled pride and joy of Missouri Beta; Payne, caught in the social whirl, an out-for-blood gambler, wins or loses with a smile; Hume, the glad hand boy with a fertile mind; Hughes, one of the younger members, just realizing the meaning of P. D. Q.; Reid, started on the broad and flowery path despite his youth: Corn, owner of our most popular billiard-room; Waters, tickles the ivories with vim and vigor; Braden, brother of the blackguard Bill, well on the way to perdition.

Our corresponding secrtary is on the job now, and will answer all letters with vim, vigor, gusto, etc., we would like to hear from all our brothers. How about Frisco, we'll be there.

Fraternally yours,

MISSOURI BETA CHAPTER.

California Beta

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

California Beta, the grand old chapter of California, situated in the Valley of Hearts Delight, has just recovered from one of its worst crisis since the war. This has been made possible by the unfailing loyalty of the older members who have refused to be inactive, although some of them have been Brothers for the past twenty four years.

They have worked hard so that Beta chapter would not die, and on February twenty eighth, 1928 a realization of this work was shown when California Gamma, Sigma and Beta Chapters joined in one of the biggest and best initiations ever held on the west coast, Beta taking in nine real honest-to-goodness Pi Delts while Gamma and Sigma each took three men in. The new boys took their workout here in San Jose, and I believe the pictures you will see in the back of the book can well be called a story without words and give you a good idea of the wonderful time everybody had.

The following week the formal initiation was officiated by California Gamma chapter in San Francisco, the ceremonies being very beautiful and impressive.

We now have twenty-seven active members who meet every other Thursday night, and although we haven't been able to afford club rooms as yet, each member takes a turn in opening his home for the meeting, which works out very nicely.

Several social functions have been held in the past winter and in early April a Sport Dance was held by Gamma, Sigma and Beta it was a wonderful affair and we hope to repeat it again next year. Many more smaller dances and parties will be on the program for the balance of the year, among them a smoker in the form of a grand reunion is also being planned whereby we hope to have many of the older members with us again.

Then, we are not forgetting the Conclave which is to be held in San Francisco this year, and are looking forward to a big time up there, and a chance to meet the fellows from all the different chapters of Pi Delta Koppa who will be able to attend.

Remember that we like to hear from you fellows in the east, drop us a line now and then and tell us all about everything, we will gladly answer all correspondence. See you in August.

Fraternally yours,

LESTER C. MEDER,
Chapter Editor.

Missouri Gamma

LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

Hello Brothers! Missouri Gamma sends greetings and we wish the best of luck to all. This year has been an unusually profitable and enjoyable one for our chapter, we have taken in several fine boys that will be a credit to Pi Delta Koppa in the future, the old bunch have more pep than last year and are keeping the name on high.

Although we lost several men at the end of the semester we were very fortunate indeed in having Brother Shepard, Grand Master of Ceremonies enroll in our school this year, we welcome him into our number and are proud to have a grand officer with us.

Just a few words about what we have accomplished this year so far, we are represented in all departments of school, Brother Donnici holds the highest rank ever given to a cadet at Wentworth, he also is the Honorary Cadet Major and assistant to the P-M-S & T.; Walters is the highest ranking captain; Schwartz is First Lieutenant, Mairs and Ennis are both First Sergeants; Cossato is Battalion Drum Major. In scholastic work Brothers T. Miller, Walters, Cossato, Faust and Gibson have been on the hnor roll all year, they rank with the first ten.

In athletics we are holding our own, with Mairs who has been on the varsity football team three years; Donnici earned his 'W' in boxing and all the rest played on company teams.

Brother Walters was one of ten in school who made the honor society, he excelled in every department to make it. Since there is another chance to make it before school is out, we have great hopes of putting a few more on.

We also want to mention a few words about our sponsor and treasurer, Captain Roe Clemens, he takes a lively interest in our affairs and business, he is friendly and congenial as any of our younger members, we owe a great deal for the help he has given us throughout this and former years.

Just a few highlights of the year, Rushing began almost as soon as school, and on the 22nd of October we gave a banquet and pledged five men who have been initiated and are now active members; November the 12th the big homecoming game and dance took place, needless to say our gang attended and had a good time. The Pan-Hellenic dance on March 10th was a huge affair with several Brothers from Kansas City and a few old members on hand who had a real time, the dance was declared the best in a number of years.

At the present we are looking forward to the commencement parties and ball. Brothers Cossato and Donnici who attended the conclave in Tulsa told the fellows how good a time everyone had and can have at the conventions, so now the fellows are talking it up quite a bit. Last year we had only three brothers present, but an army is coming up this year and how! We will be in San Francisco in August. See you all then.

MISSOURI GAMMA.

Kansas Beta

Upper Picture:
Top Row—F. Killach, R. Armstead, B. Barclay and A. Hoel.
Middle Row—L. Roark, M. Kennel, R. Whitaker, H. Marman and T. Weinhhold.
Bottom Row—R. Syewart, J. Beggs, F. Carter, C. McCammish, J. Ayer and P. Kopf.

Lower Picture:
Top Row—J. Beggs, Master of Ceremonies; B. Barclay, Vice-President; F. Carter, President, and R. Armstead, Freshman King.
Bottom Row—A. Hoel, Treasurer; P. Kopf, Guard, and R. Stewart, Secretary.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Kansas Beta sends greetings to each and every chapter and hopes that the past year has been as successful to the fraternity as a whole as it has been to our chapter.

Only recently have we suffered quite a severe blow from the school board which has outlawed fraternities in the high schools, but they can never ruin the old Pi Delta Koppa spirit as we intend to carry on regardless.

We are the pace setters in our city in social activities, last April 1st we entertained with a dancing party at the Lakewood Golf and Country Club, which will not be forgotten very soon by those who attended.

In the summer we were hosts to a wonderful swimming party held at Winwood Beach. In November we held our annual dance at the "The Jahawk" it too was a decided success. On March the 14th we had an original party at the Wyandotte Country Club and from time to time many of the brothers have had dinners and parties for the members and their guests.

We are also proud of our athletes, Brother Bruce Barclay was chosen tackle on the all-city team last fall, the president of our chapter Brother Farren Carter is captain of the basket-ball team, captain of the all-city, all district teams. It is needless to say that we won all championships and went to Chicago to the national high school tournament.

That Beta chapter is interested and backs their brothers is shown by the fact that we have followed the teams to all parts of Kansas, Missouri and some parts of Oklahoma and Nebraska.

We recently have initiated four candidates of good merit and will soon have two more who will be given the last rights before becoming members.

Kansas is looking forward to a more successful year than ever and we believe that we are well on the way.

As a goodly number still remember the time had at Tulsa last summer we are planning to have a representative at San Francisco in August.

Fraternally yours,

RAY ARMSTEAD,
Kansas Beta.

California Pi

Top Row: Heffner, McEniry, Lamberth, Bishop, Chenette, Johnson, Henger and Schwein.
Sitting: Holabird, Lees, Prather and Hosking.

OFFICERS

J. VANCE PRATHER ..... *President*
A. T. HOSKING ..... *Vice-Pres. and Secty.*
C. ROBERT HENGER ..... *Treasurer*
RICHARD CHENETTE ..... *Master of Ceremonies*
JIMMIE JOHNSON ..... *Guard*
J. R. LEES ..... *Corresponding Secretary*

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Pi chapter wishes to extend to the new chapters and new brothers a hearty welcome into our fraternal folds, these new brothers, endowed with Pi Delta Koppa spirit, add new zest and are large factors in the success and prosperity of the fraternity, the new ideas they bring to us mean development and progress that the fraternity is ever trying to maintain.

We, being in our infancy as Pi Delts recognize the feeling of fraternal brotherhood that the older brothers are forever giving to us, that the goal they have attained may be easier reached by their younger brothers, with this incentive before us as a symbol of Pi Delta Koppa sincerity it is possible for new brothers to attain their goal.

Starting this year with four active members as a nucleus the outlook for the current year was not so bright, we elected officers and with the addition of several inactive brothers things began to happen, new men were brought out resulting in three nuggets for the chapter with a fourth in the distance, the initiation of said nuggets at Brother Prather's cabin was well worth it admission, the pledges were endowed with Pi Delts spirit such as they will always remember and cherish. After a big night and 'aiggs' in the morning all returned to South Pasadena to conclude proceedings, three good boys with the spirit helped put the chapter on its feet.

Our social functions, few in number but great in size upheld the prestige of Pi Delts. First the barn dance, given in conjunction with the A. T. P's a local of very good standing, was something to write home about, it was attended by the elite and select for miles around.

The formal given at the Santa Anita Riding and Hunt Club followed during the Christmas vacation, a great number of the older members attended and added to the spice of the program, the emblem illuminated at the far corner of the hall was the sensation of the evening, all in attendance had nothing but praise and congratulations.

Our Theatre Party held the middle of April was the climax to a very successful session, funds received helped to fatten our treasury.

As for the personal of the chapter we will write a line or two, Brothers Henger and Chenette are trodding close on the footsteps of the altar; Hoskins, with spats of noble hew plays Don Juan to many a dreamy maiden; Prather's line is hole proof and they walk for miles to absorb its contents; Johnson's freshmen girls are young but very willing to learn; Lees is in the second reformation period at present but we hope for the best; Lamberth, Kerr, Holabird and Heffner are proceeding under cover thereby handicapping us for further dirt; Johns is now a son of the soil on his Irvine Ranch; McEniry, Romberger, Schwein and Bishop are fine up and coming Pi Delts and before we forget Brothers Hosking and Holabird are all het up about an around the world cruise this summer.

We are hoping for a successful closing of the year and are counting on the conclave, this being close to home makes it possible to attend en masse.

Our only communication being the mail, the Brothers in the chapter will appreciate a line of any kind, don't wait until the conclave to get in touch with the Brothers, drop us a line.

Fraternally yours,

CALIFORNIA PI.
PI DELTA KOPPA.

California Rho

Top Row: "Bill" Pillsbury, John Rippy, "Reno" Simpson, "Dutch" Holub, "Ray" Potter, "Ben" Reppert and "Bill" Sweet.
2nd Row: "Jerry" McCoy, "Jack" Land, "Jay" Jackson, "Dusty" Rhodes and "Brud" Brown, (deceased).
3rd Row: "Bud" Fish, "Doc" Gaskins and "Jack" Kitrick.

GRAND PRESIDENTS

1903—San Jose, Arthur L. Gray, California Beta.
1904—Santa Cruz, Dave White, California Epsilon.
1905—Los Angeles, Harry Gray, California Theta.
1906—San Diego, Percy H. Goodwin, California Iota.
1907—San Jose, Percy H. Goodwin, re-elected.
1908—Portland, Elmer E. Young, Oregon Beta.
1909—San Francisco, R. H. Bundscher, California Gamma.
1910—Fresno, Lester H. Wessendorff, Michigan Beta.
1911—Detroit, Lester H. Wessendorf, re-elected.
1912—Chicago, Foss C. Ryland, California Beta.
1913—Los Angeles, Frank L. Peterson, California Epsilon.
1914—Kansas City, Mo., Frank L. Peterson, re-elected.
1915—San Francisco, Sewall S. Brown, California Beta.
1917—Chico, Percy Bartlett, California Gamma.
1919—Sacramento, Lynne M. Pryor, Oklahoma Beta.
1922—Oklahoma City, New Era of Pi Delta Koppa, Ralph H. Morrill, California Nu.
1923—Sacramento, Conrad Roth, Oregon Beta and Gamma.
1924—Portland, Alexander H. Majors III, Missouri Epsilon.
1925—St. Louis, Frank Davis, Oregon Beta and Gamma.
1926—Reno, Dwight H. Stephenson, California Nu.
1927—Tulsa, Glenn W. Cease, Oklahoma Beta.
1928—?

OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Although California Rho is one of the youngest chapters of the Mystic Three, it has made very rapid progress. Since the birth of California Rho on the memorable night of September 28th, 1925, it has grown from five to twenty-two hand picked members. The history of this chapter has never before appeared in Crossed Swords so this little write-up should interest you.

For some unknown reason President Jay asked me to say something for Crossed Swords. My first thought was to decline, like all prominent men I am rather timid about having my name appear in print. I fell off my bicycle for the seventeenth time yesterday and the local news-sleuths didn't even give me a nod. How-the-so-ever, here is my great chance. President Jay after profound meditation said I should write the History of California Rho, a subject about which I know practically nothing. Shut off the radio, loan me your ears and let's go.

Ever since the organizing of this chapter from its membership of five, it has been the outstanding social organization of the community. The first initiation conducted with the help of California Mu brought four new members into the chapter. With the membership then nine, and the help of three members of other chapters living in Oroville, the first formal dance was given. It was a huge success. Each succeeding dance has been better than the one before. The Pi Delt Formals are looked forward to as the social event of the year.

Our activities are varied: initiations, picnics, stag affairs, snow parties, banquets and sports, both indoor and outdoor. Maybe I shouldn't have mentioned snow parties. California isn't supposed to have snow. Some of the boys play a scientific hand of bridge—and can, when in the mood, be astute at poker; also on certain occasions the dice have shown remarkable gathering proclivities whilst under their guidance.

California Rho has had the pleasure of visits from two Grand Presidents, Frank Davis and Dwight Stephenson. On each occasion a banquet was held at the Oroville Country Club, a very picturesque place and especially suitable for such occasions.

No doubt a great many readers of this article, will remember a brother who was one of the leaders of Pi Delta Koppa in northern California and one of the hardest workers in the Fraternity. Farwell Brown's death on June 1st, 1927, brought much sorrow to all who knew him. Brother "Brud" came to California Rho from California Zeta chapter, where he was a charter member. Our memory of him will last forever.

California Rho wishes to extend their best wishes for success to the newly installed chapters. It is our hopes, that some day there will be a chapter in every state of the Union.

We have several live wire prospective members which we wish to bring into our little fold this summer. It's tough sledding sometimes to get a good man in, but when you do he never regrets or **forgets** it.

Only two of our members have ever been to a Conclave but it's going to be d——n hard to keep any away from this years.

Fraternally,

HAROLD HOLUB,
Chapter Editor.

Tennessee Beta

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

As we are now embarking upon our third year as members of Pi Delta Koppa, we are proud of this opportunity to contribute these few words to Crossed Swords.

Since our installation in 1926, much has been accomplished toward the betterment of our chapter. Having started with six members, we have increased our membership to twenty, which we consider about the right amount to have plenty of teamwork and pleasure.

Fortunate are we to have two old P. D. Q's as honorary members, Brother Frank Hess and Brother Walter Nicklson, these two brothers have been a great help to us and we are proud to have them.

Our initial dance held at the Colonial Country Club last Christmas went over with a bang and made a hit with the fair sex and other frats of Memphis. This and several other social affairs this spring has put ole P. D. Q's name firmly in the minds of the younger set.

Oh Boy, ain't it a grand thing to know that Pi Delta Koppa is stretching out her hands and establishing new chapters, we extend a glad hand to Oklahoma Kappa and are sure they will be an asset to P. D. Q. We also welcome our new chapter over in New Mexico and will be glad to give them any assistance we can.

Well Brothers we are signing off this one and hope to see all of you at the Conclave.

Fraternally yours,
TENNESSEE BETA.

New Mexico Beta

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

Howdy Fellows:

Meet New Mexico Beta, Pi Delta Koppa's youngest chapter this being our first month of activity, following a most impressive ritual by the Oklahoma Beta ritual team given May 5 here in Roswell.

Officers elected are Barnes, President; O'Connor, Vice-President; Cappe, Secretary; Melbourn, Treasurer; Fields, Master of Ceremonies and Pearson, Guard. We hope now that we are organized that we may become one of the leading chapters in Pi Delta Koppa's national chain.

We were glad to meet Brothers Cease, Stone, Dunning, Barrow and Barnes of Oklahoma City and are sorry that they could not stay any longer. We were sorry that Brother Stone failed to find the catus he wanted to take home, however he did manage to take part of a mountain, at least judging from a fender on the car.

The fellows have already caught the true Pi Delt spirit and you will meet several of us in San Francisco.

Good luck, and let us hear from you.

Fraternally yours,

BILL CAPPE, JR.

Secretary.

In Memoriam

Brother Farwell Brown, 1927
California Zeta and Rho

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Brother Jorgen C. Svane, 1927
California Gamma

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Brother Donald Nelson, 1928
Nevada Beta

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Features and Convention

Pertinent Dutiful Questioning

It is said that once upon a time curiosity killed a cat its proverbial nine lives not withstanding. Yet, I still am inquisitive and can't help wondering what P. D. Q. really stands for. Of course I only have three lives, past, present and future. There's where I have it over the cat—a future. Were I a necromancer I would speak with the dear departed brothers and find out what I want to know. Were I a hypnotist I would drag the secret from the living ones. But, being merely the mother of a P. D. Q., information must be born of my own imagination. So for a line or two I am going to guess the import of P. D. Q. The gods grant me a vivid conception. Though I die for it, let my immortal life begin.

The picturing power of the mind is infinite so there flashes upon my vision ideal words that might be applicable and instantly words of opposite meaning.

For instance:

Partners, a David and Jonathan affair, in honor
Preferring one another; the acme of human love;
Pals, in gladness or sorrow, in wealth or poverty,
Partakers of the same things, buddies;
Pedestrians peddling pep;
Particular of deeds lest a younger brother be imitating your example;
Doing duty to self and brother;
Dispersing gloom, dispensing pollyannas;
Directing path and pace of pledge to the pinnacle, the paradise for pilgrims;
Discovering the panacea for restless adolescence;
Questing for Truth;
Quick-witted, on the qui vive;
Quick to bring in your quota;
Qualifying for service,
or
Parasites "poaching another's preserves";
Pledges parallyzed with pip;
Pharisees prostituting your prototypal principle of equality;
Philanderes playing instead of promoting;
Dodging responsibility;
Dreaming of pastime, penchant for pastry, pursuing pleasure;
Devoid of principle, picturesque piazza pimps;
Devising pitfalls;
Quitters in time of stress;
Quailing before a given a task;
Quibbling at the truth;
Quaffing quantity without a qualm.

Which kind of Brothers are they? In which ranks do they March? Is P. D. Q. their panacea or their pitfall? I wonder! I wonder!

There are two kinds of ideals, carnal and spiritual. I assume that P. D. Q. has an ideal. Which shall it be, Pleasure or Purpose. A Pleasure seeking life is patient dying. A Purposeful life is 'perfectly done' living. Hedonism brings decay but Perseverance makes the result come true. It is not only necessary to be Padding the Pace but know where the path leads. Is it to the Peak or to the Pit? As Van Dyke has said, "Rewrite the old motto, 'Liberty, Equality, Fraternity' into Fraternity which lifts men to Equality and so fits them for Liberty."

Well, well, here I've come to the end of my feigning and not dead yet. So, judging from the Personal of the local P. D. Q.'s, I will Presently Divulge the outcome of my fancied Questioning.

To me, they are Personal Pals Philosophically Directing their Paths to the ideal Pinnacle—the Panacea for the Pangs of Puberty—Quien sabe? Or, it has just occurred to me that it may merely mean, old quidnunc, ring of P. D. Q.

STELLA BARROW SMITH.

The Big Party

August of this year will see Kid Conclave celebrating his twenty third birthday in San Francisco with the greatest party he has ever given, any of the brothers that have attended his little gatherings in St. Louis, Reno or Tulsa will tell you that he throws quite a party. And How——'.

California Gamma is making the arrangements for the affair and asks the attendance of all loyal Pi Delts to help make it a huge success, preparations have been going on for months. The Golden Gate is being thoroughly cleaned and will then be draped in Crimson and Purple. Thousands of beautiful girls are clamoring for the privilege of dates with out-of-town guests. Sidewalks are being painted crimson on one side of the street and purple on the other. Oh, it will be a great party.

Seriously, Brothers, we hope to make the Twenty Third Annual Conclave one of the best ever. There is no doubt that San Francisco will make an ideal conclave city, there is plenty to see and plenty to do, there are girls that even Tulsa will find it hard to rival and, of course there is California climate. (For information on that last remark, see any circular entitled "Sunny California")

There is no need to go into details concerning the idea of a conclave or why you should come to them. Fellows that go to the conventions get three days of continuous party, they have that away from home feeling, they own the city and they are everybodys guest. Lots of them meet their future wives at conclaves, (See Brother Eaton, Oklahoma Beta). The fellows that stay at home curse themselves for the next year. So lets have everybody that reads this be one of those that comes and goes home happy.

Well, Brothers, the idea of all this raving, is, as you see, that we want you to come to the conclave, you furnish the attendance and we'll furnish the party. So, put a huge red circle around August on the calendar, shake the mothballs out of the soup and fish, save your pennies and start early for Sunny California and the biggest party since the gold rush.

Fraternally yours,
BOB HAINES, Chairman
Entertainment Committee.

Lincoln Park Municipal Golf Links, Parallel the Golden Gate.

Pity The Pledges

Grand Dues

We have turned the pages of 1927 and we enter 1928 with a determination to help benefit our fraternity in every way that is possible. The past years convention at Tulsa brought about a new financial plan which is based on a very solid and sound foundation, this plan will enable our Grand officers to do ever so much more in the way of bettering present conditions, more correspondence, increasing our mighty chain from coast to coast and helping the conclave city.

All these things will come to pass providing that the individual members of each chapter cooperate by paying his individual dues, as it was upon this assumption that permitted our embarking upon this new plan. At present I am able to report that our financial condition is excellent, most of the chapters have paid their national dues in addition to a large percent of individual dues and I want to take this opportunity to thank the chapters who have been prompt in every respect.

Under this heading I would like to bring to all of the members attention, a suggestion which I believe will be very valuable asset to us if it is put over in the proper manner, looking over the minutes of past conventions, I have found that there has always been a large number of delegates missing from the eastern chapters when the convention is held on the coast and vice versa when it is held in the east.

The remedy for this I believe is to evolve some plan whereby the national treasury can pay the railroad fare of one delegate from each chapter, so that every conclave will have a representative body of delegates from all chapters with an expression of their various opinions and by which all would benefit greatly.

In closing I wish to thank all of the Grand Officers for the cooperation they have given me during my term of office and particularly Grand President Cease, who has been of invaluable assistance.

Fraternally yours,

Wm. D. SCHLITZ, Grand Treasurer.

OUR NATIONAL DIRECTORY

During the past few years we have endeavored to publish a National Directory, but each time we have failed, due to the decided lack of cooperation on the part of individual chapters. This year thru the medium of numerous letters, we have again revived the idea, in addition to wanting the names for the directory they will be used for our conclave attendance building campaign.

The response to date has been good, but there are still seven chapters who have not been heard from, our aim has been to have this book published and officially turned over to our fraternity at the conclave, I am certain that every one of you realize the many advantages that we will derive from the directory, it will permit better acquaintance with our brothers in the various cities should we be traveling and above all we will never feel lost in a city where we have a chapter.

Once again thru the medium of this article I am appealing to the chapters who have failed to send in the data to do so without further delay. Your share of the work in publishing the directory is certainly very small, merely send in the names, addresses and phone numbers, keeping the active and inactive members on separate lists and we will do the rest. Remember, if you fail to live up to this obligation that you will be depriving the rest of the chapters having this needed directory.

Wm. D. SCHLITZ.

(A FEW OF THE BOYS AND TWO OF THE GIRLS)

1927 Convention

The Twenty-second Grand Conclave of Pi Delta Koppa was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on the 27th, 28th and 29th of August, 1927 with the Mayo Hotel as headquarters under the auspices of Oklahoma Delta Chapter.

In recalling this gathering of two hundred and fifty-two Pi Delta two vital and interesting features are vividly presented. First, the fact that this was the largest conclave ever held in the history of the fraternity, second, the materialistic advantages gained by the great fraternal spirit which prevailed. Pi Delta Koppa is no longer a National fraternity in name only .

Those who had the misfortune of not being able to attend this conclave, indeed, missed more than can be related on the pages of this book. Oklahoma Delta left nothing undone in making the social as well as the business affairs a real success.

The first day of the convention one hundred and twenty-five had registered. By noon of the final day a total of two hundred and fifty-two marked the maximum attendance. Five business sessions were held under the capable supervision of Past Grand President Stephenson.

A true reflection of the success of this convention can be displayed in no greater manner than the success attained so far this year.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

THE GRAND BALL

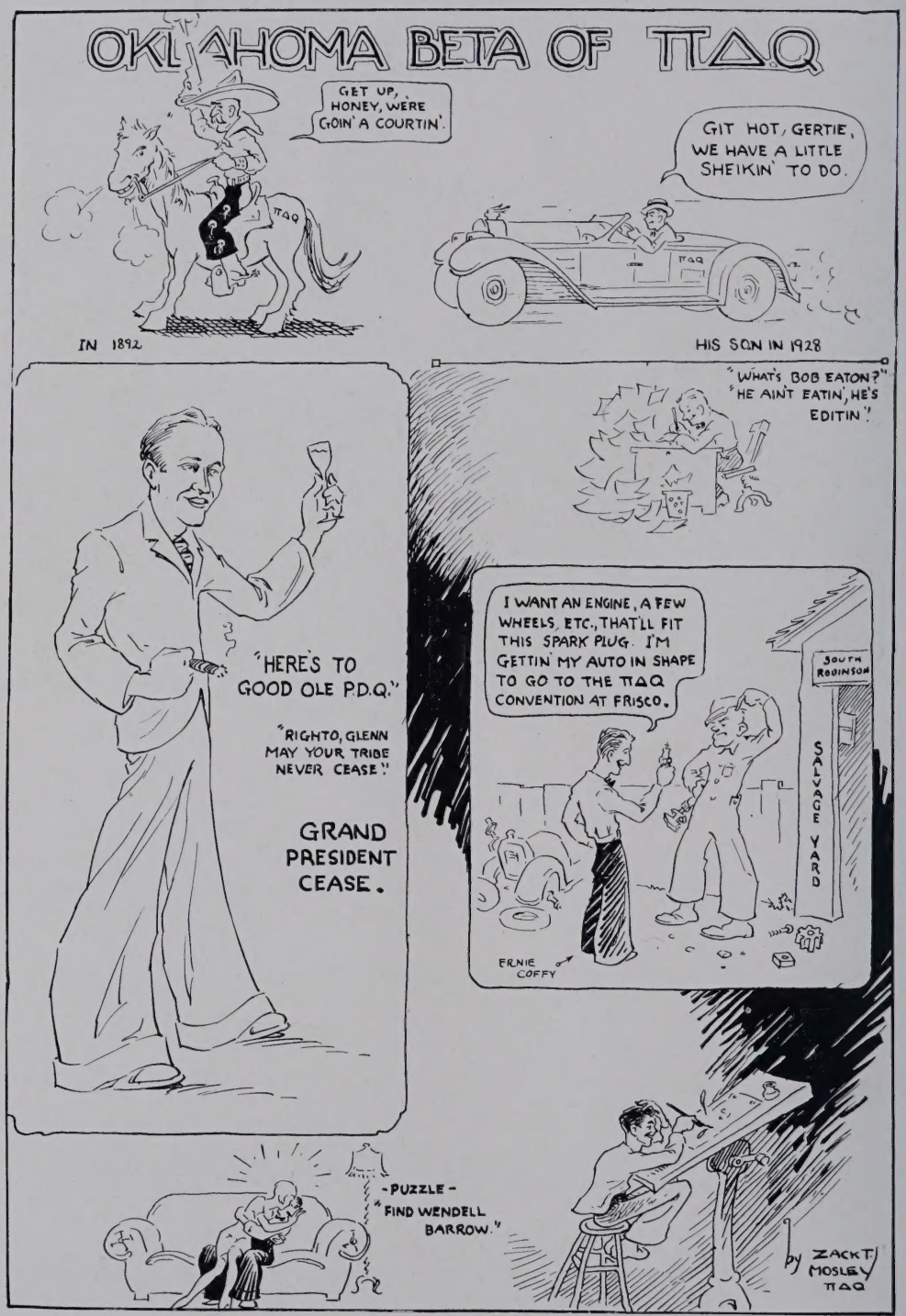
In years to come when we recall past social events our thoughts will rapidly retrace the brilliant affairs of the 1927 Conclave. We raise our voices in sincere commendation to Oklahoma Delta for they, indeed, perfected social affairs unequaled in years past.

The first social event of the convention was the luncheon held at the Mayo Hotel where the Mayor of Tulsa presented the key to the city to Grand President Stephenson and where we were graciously welcomed by 'Miss America'. One hundred and twenty-five Pi Delts attended this luncheon which was a huge success from beginning to end.

Then came the informal dance that evening at Tulsa's leading golf and country club, Oakhurst. It is impossible to put in words the success of this affair. Music seldom equaled and the most adorable bevy of the fair sex ever assembled. Miss America's words in expressing the success of this dance are convincing in the least, "The most marvelous dance I ever attended."

The next social event was the Grand Ball held in the crystal ball room at the Mayo Hotel. This being formal we need not say more regarding the brilliance of the affair. Such an array of beautiful girls. Just ask those who were there if Oklahoma girls can be equaled. At this dance beautiful silver boudoir lamps was given the girls and leather bill folders given the boys. A great story and possibly stories could be written about the affair, however, we can be satisfied with it serving as a criterion for future Grand balls.

The feature of the conclave was the stag banquet. In glancing back over this event we find our-selves engulfed in a great spirit of fraternalism. To you, Brother Ted Bryce, we offer our sincere gratitude. You are indeed a wonderful toastmaster. And now the entertainment. Fellows, Ziegfield has them now but they entertained us first, and how.


OKLAHOMA BETA OF ΠΔQ
GET UP, HONEY, WERE GOIN' A COURTIN'.
IN 1892
GIT HOT, GERTIE, WE HAVE A LITTLE SHEIKIN' TO DO.
HIS SON IN 1928
"WHAT'S BOB EATON?" "HE AIN'T EATIN', HE'S EDITIN'!
"HERE'S TO GOOD OLE P.D.Q."
"RIGHTO, GLENN MAY YOUR TRIBE NEVER CEASE."
GRAND PRESIDENT CEASE.
I WANT AN ENGINE, A FEW WHEELS, ETC., THAT'LL FIT THIS SPARK PLUG. I'M GETTIN' MY AUTO IN SHAPE TO GO TO THE ΠΔQ CONVENTION AT FRISCO.
SOUTH ROBINSON
SALVAGE YARD
ERNIE COFFY
-PUZZLE-
"FIND WENDELL BARROW."
by ZACK T. MOSLEY ΠΔQ

"AS OUR ARTIST SEES US."

Secretary's Letter

Dear Brothers:

Just a few short lines to express my appreciation for the aid I have received from the various chapters during my term of office.

Full-hearted cooperation is the life of the fraternity. The conclave next August in San Francisco, the Crossed Swords, every movement instituted by Pi Delta Koppa should be supported by every active member of the fraternity, in this way we are advancing to the highest pinnacle of success, for without this cooperation we would be the same as any other mediocre outfit, content to drift along in the rut, never striving to better ourselves.

I trust that all chapters are keeping their eyes open for new prospects, just remember one thing, do not act too hasty, be sure that your candidates are the type that you gladly welcome as brothers, we are not after quantity, but quality. At the present time, with the help of Bro. Tuttle of California Xi, I am trying to institute a chapter in Denver, Colorado, we are trying to interest a promising young men's club in the Pi Delta Koppa fraternity and we hope by convention time to report something very definite in regards to this matter.

Just a word in closing, some of you chapters have neglected to pay your grand and individual dues. Don't let this go any longer, brother, send your money to the grand treasurer today. Remember that every chapter's contribution goes toward the advancement of this fraternity and that is what I have tried to make the keynote of this letter.

Don't forget the conclave in San Francisco, August 24, 25 and 26th, one grand and glorious time for all the brothers is promised by the committee.

ARTHUR STORMES,
Grand Secretary.

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Editor's Message

Dear Brothers:

At present we have the most active fraternity in the history of Pi Delta Koppa, this is shown by the fact that thirty two chapters are represented in this years Crossed Swords.

Although we planned some changes and promised a larger annual the support given was beyond the fondest expectations and necessitated adding more pages and the desire for a better cover, as you brothers read this book it is our desire and hope that next year you will help make it even bigger and better.

In closing I want to thank the chapters for their help and support, Grand President Cease, for his continued services, Grand Secretary Stormes for his advice and many suggestions and Grand Treasurer Schlitz, for making the annual a financial success by selling practically all the advertising.

Fraternally yours,
R. O. EATON,
Editor.

Our Hosts

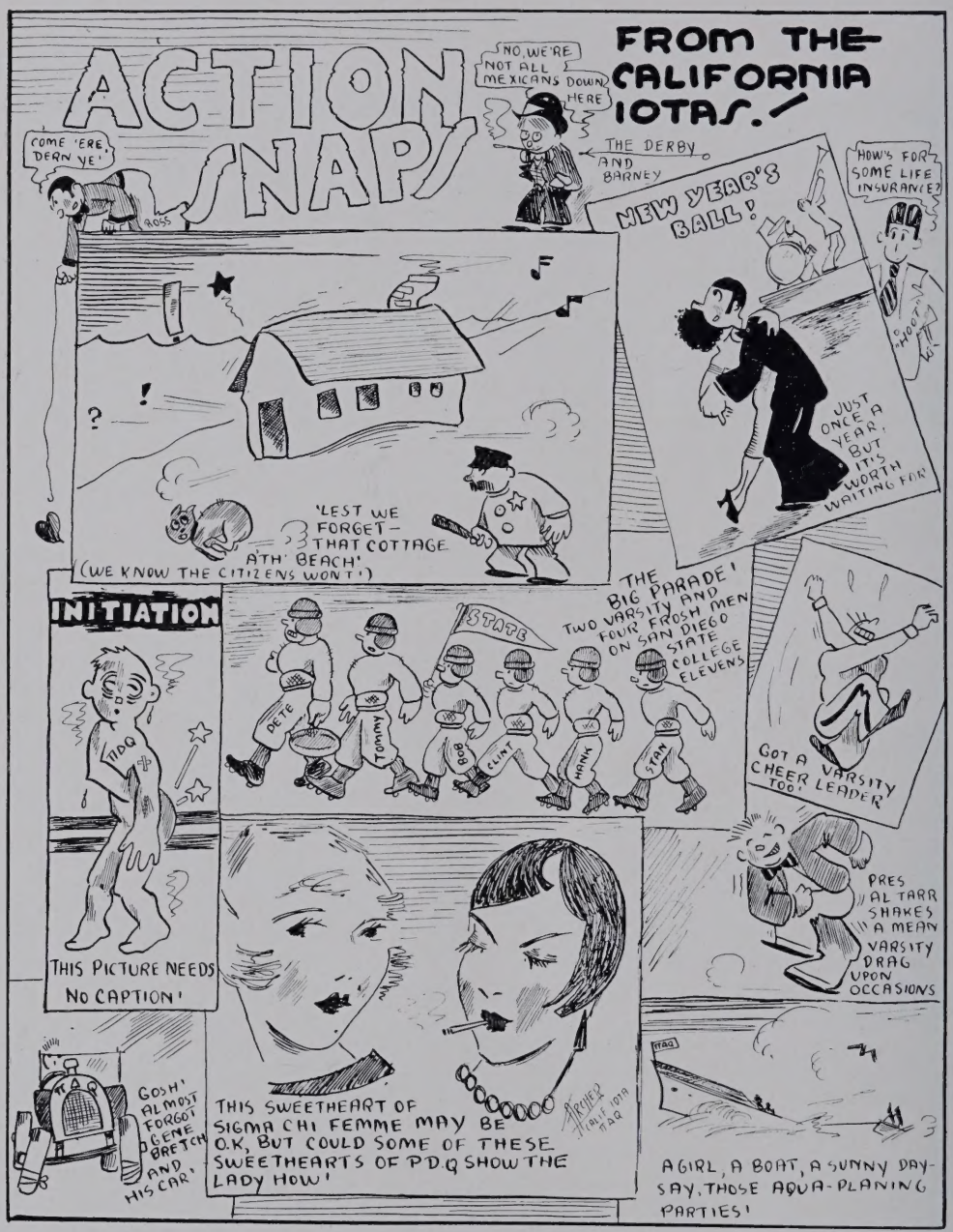
AFRICA
Poor Brother Haines, Never wants to travel with money
Brother Bernal - Last years Pacific Coast and Far Western Champion, is quite a social butterfly -
S.M.T.C.
HOME
Higher education is Brother Silven's aim "Stanford"
Mayer
Toomey
Saber
McKean
A few waiting for the mystic three. Well tell them
Brother Leach - is seen riding quite often - but not alone
"Me and my shadow" Bros. Lockwood & McRae
Brother Scott - Everything fine fellows. I live across from the mayor
When Brother Dolan gets up there is always a lost ball - what?
CALIFORNIA GAMMA
SAN FRANCISCO!

SEE US IN AUGUST

23rd Annual Conclave

Brother Eagan takes his exercise
1928 Conclave
Brother Schlitz had quite a load to carry from Tulsa - But he did it"
Brother Mount likes to teach tennis - But only females He has two ears
Brother Maino - Jazz Baby - And how!
A few brothers getting together at the Cook Street House.
PI DELT
Brother Soule "Tex" will help paint the town in August.
Brother Hess is no longer single - maybe soon, we'll have a new pledge?
Brother Suane is a regular bad-man with the women
Brother Bohm's favorite passage, "How about a little game"
PEOPLE'S BREAD
Brother Turner is just up in the dough"
Brother Croce, How the young man of today should dress.
CALIFORNIA GAMMA

WE'LL SHOW YOU THE TOWN


ACTION SNAPS
FROM THE CALIFORNIA IOTAS.
NO, WE'RE NOT ALL MEXICANS DOWN HERE
THE DERBY AND BARNEY
COME 'ERE, DERN YE!
BOSS
HOW'S FOR SOME LIFE INSURANCE?
NEW YEAR'S BALL!
JUST ONCE A YEAR. BUT IT'S WORTH WAITING FOR
'LEST WE FORGET— THAT COTTAGE ATH' BEACH'
(WE KNOW THE CITIZENS WON'T)
INITIATION
ΠΔΘ
THIS PICTURE NEEDS NO CAPTION!
THE BIG PARADE! TWO VARSITY AND FOUR FROSH MEN ON SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE ELEVENS
STATE
PETE
TOMMY
BOB
CLINT
HANK
STAN
GOT A VARSITY CHEER LEADER TOO!
PRES AL TARR SHAKES A MEAN VARSITY DRAG UPON OCCASIONS
THIS SWEETHEART OF SIGMA CHI FEMME MAY BE O.K, BUT COULD SOME OF THESE SWEETHEARTS OF PDQ SHOW THE LADY HOW!
GOSH! ALMOST FORGOT GENE BRETCH AND HIS CAR!
A GIRL, A BOAT, A SUNNY DAY— SAY, THOSE AQUA-PLANING PARTIES!

IOTAS' ARTIST KNOWS HOW

Historians Report

Dear Brothers:

It was, if I recall correctly, some five years ago that the office of Grand Historian was created, little of any consequences has been accomplished in that time. The early records of our Fraternity have become scattered far and wide over the country, making it doubly hard to collect them. The original records were destroyed by fire, a loss that cannot be replaced, the task that now confronts the Historian is one that cannot be successfully completed without the wholehearted cooperation of every brother. As Alpha, our glorious founding chapter, has passed on into tradition, and her members have scattered to the far corners of the world, it remains for those to whom has been given the honor of bearing the name of Pi Delta Koppa, to carry on to a glorious finish, the ideals our founders laid down for us. What more suitable acknowledgement of our appreciation of their efforts could we offer, than a complete history of their early trials and triumphs? Symbolic of Pi Delta Koppa are the Crossed Swords; come Brothers let us take our swords in hand and do battle with the great odds of uncertainty of tradition, that assail us; let us not sheath our battered sabers until around us we have erected a fort of facts; let us in the end be able to sit back in the peaceful relaxation of hard work well done.

It has been my pleasure this year to communicate with one of the old Brothers of Alpha Chapter who has helped me to a great extent. Brother Sewell Lee Avery 300 West Adam Street, Chicago, Illinois is the only Brother from a list of twenty-nine members of Alpha Chapter, that I have been able to get in touch with. This is just a sample of what one runs into in collecting data.

You members of the active chapters who have not heard from me, please don't think I have forgotten you. There are two divisions of work in this fraternity, one dealing with the active and the other the inactive side, the active side has been more than well taken care of by those officers whose duties require them to deal with that phase. It has been my duty this year to deal with the dead part of the fraternity, not the living part, believe me brothers there are times that I really believe I would make a first class undertaker, I have seen so much of the dead and forgotten parts.

Before closing I want to make one plea. Shortly after the conclave there was prepared and published a pamphlet called 'Pep'. It was expected that the chapters would greet this little paper with open arms. The funeral held over its remains was a complete success.

One more thing, this pertains to the western chapters, have you fellows forgotten that we have a national jeweler, only nine new pins have been purchased up to February, it isn't often that a fraternity is tendered such a contract as Balfour and Co. have given us. Get the habit.

To gather together and complete a history is going to take money, our national income is not what it should be, our initiation fee is one of the lowest in the country, every new Pi Delt owes a great deal to the National organization, how about letting him take care of that obligation when he is initiated? Think it over, come to the conclave, and we'll have a good argument.

Ah! there goes the dinner bell, see you all in Bill Schlitz's fair city. Don't forget the polish for the Golden Gates, they must shine for P. D. Q.

BOB HOOK,
Historian.

Georgia Beta

FRIERSON DOING SOME TRICK STEPS ON THE FLOOR
"JUDGE" GLASS ON THE TENNIS "COURT"
AINT LOVE GRAND
WORKING ON A PLEDGE
PLEDGE DUNCAN WHO WAS TO LATE FOR THE PICTURE
VAN SICKLE AND RUTH — "KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE BALL-SIKLE"
LIEUT. SHEPPARD WILL SOLVE THE PEACE PROBLEM
REGISTER AT THE WHEEL OF HIS "NEW" FORD
GA 1313
McMANUS ΠΔΦ

A FEW OF THE BOYS IN ACTION.

Missouri Gamma

I'VE OFTEN WANDERED WHY- THEY CALLED THIS STUFF MESS!
Bro KING SAYS "WHEN THEY KILLED THIS HORSE, THEY MUST HAVE LEFT THE SADDLE ON"
MISSOURI GAMMA
FOR STROLLING NOTHING BEATS THIS POPULAR HIKING COSTUME
A POPULAR DRESS SHOE USED EXCLUSIVELY AT WENTWORTH
ΠΔΘ
Home Sweet Home
SOME BODY PLEASE SHOOT ME !!
Reveille
GUESS WHO? IT'S NO OTHER THAN BROTHER SHEPARD GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES
AH! SHE STILL LOVES ME!!
P-D-Q
OFF OUR HATS ARE TO YO-O-O
WEEK END FURLOS IN KANSAS CITY
Bro. ENNIS GETS A LETTER
BROS FAUST, GIBSON AND WALTERS MISSOURI GAMMA'S TRIO
By Walter Cossaboom TAG

MILITARY LIFE AS THE ARTIST SEES IT.

California Lambda

Wentworth M. A.

MISSOURI GAMMA ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ LEXINGTON, MO.

San Francisco Awaits You In 1928

A vista through the classic arches of the famous Quadrangle at Leland Stanford University.

In August, 1927 there was a new arrival in the life of California Gamma Chapter—"A baby Conclave".

Men, you talk about a happy father and mother, they have nothing on our chapter as the boys were just wild over the new arrival and have started to raise and train him as all good Pi Delts are. The baby will be properly nursed and fed so that he will develop into the largest conclave a chapter ever held. In fact, we know that he will be awarded the blue ribbon for the Best Conclave and it will be a goal for our future brothers to strive for.

The convention, as you all know, will be August 24, 25 and 26. That is, I should say, are the three official days but, brothers, the conclave starts a week before, ends a week later, then we will have an extended engagement of good times for all brothers who haven't had enough during the two weeks and are still able to walk.

From the present plans, we will have at least six past Grand Presidents with us, some of them going back as early as 1904 and you will all enjoy hearing about the early days of Pi Delta Koppa from these brothers.

On the entertainment committee of which Brother Haines is Chairman, if you ever met Bob (Oklahoma take notice) you will realize just what he is capable of in the way of providing amusements. Mayor Rolph will be on deck in his silk hat and will personally present to Brother Cease, the key to the Golden Gate.

Reservations have already been made with the barber to trim the beards of the goats on Goat Island so that they will pass the inspection of the visiting brothers. The ferry clock has agreed to stop and shake hands with any of the visitors at any hour of the day or night.

The girls have already besieged us with requests to be present when our baby conclave is turned over to you brothers and we have more than enough dates to go round. In fact, you can have as many as you want as this is the "City that knows how."

Japanese Tea Garden in Americas largest playground, Golden Gate Park.

The Hotel St. Francis will be our official headquarters and special rates have been given us as follows: Two in a room, with bath, at the rate of $3.00 each per night; for three or more, $2.50 each.

This hotel is ideally situated, being located in the very heart of the city and is one of San Francisco's finest hotels and which is known the world over for its hospitality.

The favors which we are giving to the girls and brothers are something that they will talk about and treasure very highly.

Last, but not least, let me mention the fact that all brothers must be absolutely registered at the convention and receive their tickets for the various entertaining features, luncheons, etc., that we will hold, as no brother that has not registered will be permitted to attend. This will be adhered to for a double purpose. First, as in the city we have a total of fifteen national fraternities, some of whom who have two or three chapters and which are known for their gate crashing activities. Second, that in order to distinguish our brothers, the ticket feature will be used as a matter of precaution and we can then have lots of fun tossing the other boys out (many of you brothers remember the Delt, in Tulsa that got a bath with all his clothes on)—nuf said.

I could keep on writing pages about what we are going to do during the convention, telling what good times are in store for you, but brothers, you all know that San Francisco is certainly a logical city for a convention and with a chapter such as ours you will have the time of your life.

Having had the pleasure of going to our last convention in Tulsa with a number of the Coast delegates, I earnestly suggest that as many of the brothers as possibly who are coming by train, to arrange it so that you are all on the same train and pick up the various brothers along the routes. The Southern Pacific Company have written up a very complete schedule and I believe that you will find same in this issue.

Only those who have been on a trip of this kind can appreciate the action of a certain tall sheriff in Tucson upon finding some of the brothers in an embarrassing position on our train. It is a good trip, brothers, so don't miss it.

Hoping to see you all with us in August with the slogan "the Golden Gate in '28."

Fraternally yours,
W. D. SCHLITZ,
Conclave Chairman.

The Whole Gang

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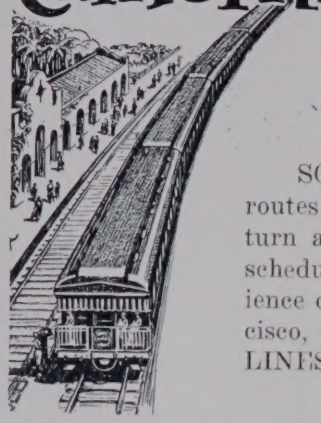

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